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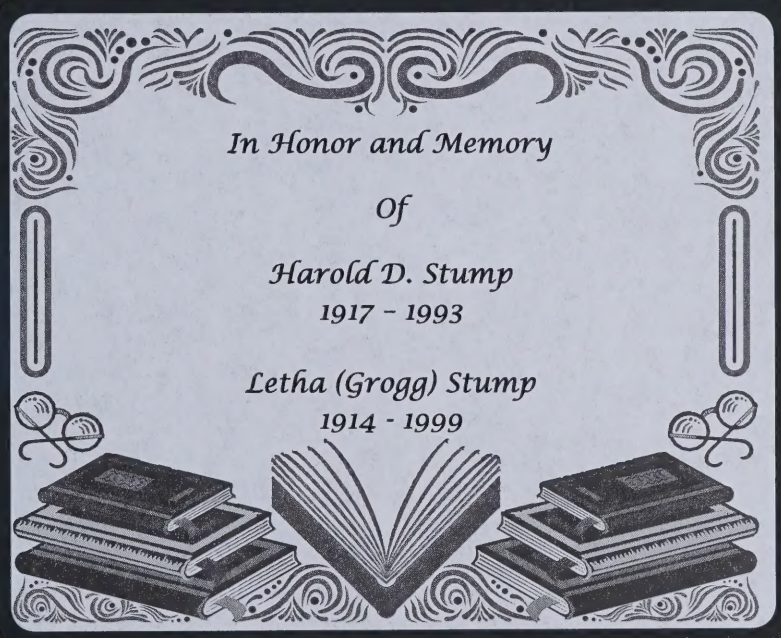

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"ALL CREATED THINGS MUST PASS...STRIVE ON DILIGENTLY."

**BUDDHA TO HIS FOLLOWERS
UPON CONTEMPLATING HIS
APPROACHING DEATH**

FEBRUARY, 2010

"And Like A Ripple In The Water From One Stone Cast, It Goes On And On..."

Moses is a leader who succeeds by teaching us that "we can do without him."
A rabbi says that Moses tells every generation to "come up with your own promised land." He never reaches that Promised Land himself, but he builds a "Nation of Law" to go forward without him.

From: The Council of Dads
By: Bruce Feiler

WALTER D. STUMP: DISTINGUISHED LAWYER, JUDGE, AND JURIST: 1886 -- 1962

"LIFE HOLDS OUT A MYSTERIOUS HAND.....OUR CHALLENGE IS TO GRASP IT, AND WITH FAITH, WALK BOLDLY FORWARD..."

The following Last Will and Testament was included in the personal effects of both Walter D. Stump and his son, Harold D. Stump.....the entire contents of the missive which both men cherished are reproduced below:

THE MOST BEAUTIFUL WILL EVER WRITTEN:

It was found in the pockets of an old ragged coat belonging to an insane patient of the Chicago poorhouse. He had been a lawyer, and the will was written in a firm, lear hand on a few scraps of paper. So unusual was the will that it was read before the Chicago Bar Association, which ordered it probated, and it is now in the records of Cook County, Illinois.

"I, Charles Lounsberry, being of sound and disposing mind and memory, do hereby make and publish this, my last will and testament, in order, as justly may be, to distribute my interest in the world among succeeding men.

"That part of my interest which is known in law and recognized in sheep-bound volumes as my property being inconsiderable and non-account, I will make no disposition of in this, my will. My right to live, being but a life estate, is not at my disposal, but these things excepted, all else in the world I now proceed to devise and bequeath.

"Item. I give to all good fathers and mothers, in trust for their children, all good little words of praise and encouragements, and all quaint pet names and endearments, and I charge said parents to use them justly, but generously, as the needs of their children shall require.

"Item. I leave to children inclusively, but only for the term of childhood, all and every flower of the fields and blossoms of the

woods with the right to play among them freely, according to the customs of children, warning them at the same time against thistles and thorn. And, I devise to children the banks of the brooks and the golden sands beneath the waters thereof, and odors of the willows that dip therein and the white clouds that float high over the giant trees.

And I leave to the children the long, long days to be merry in, in a thousand ways, and the night and the train of the Milky Way.

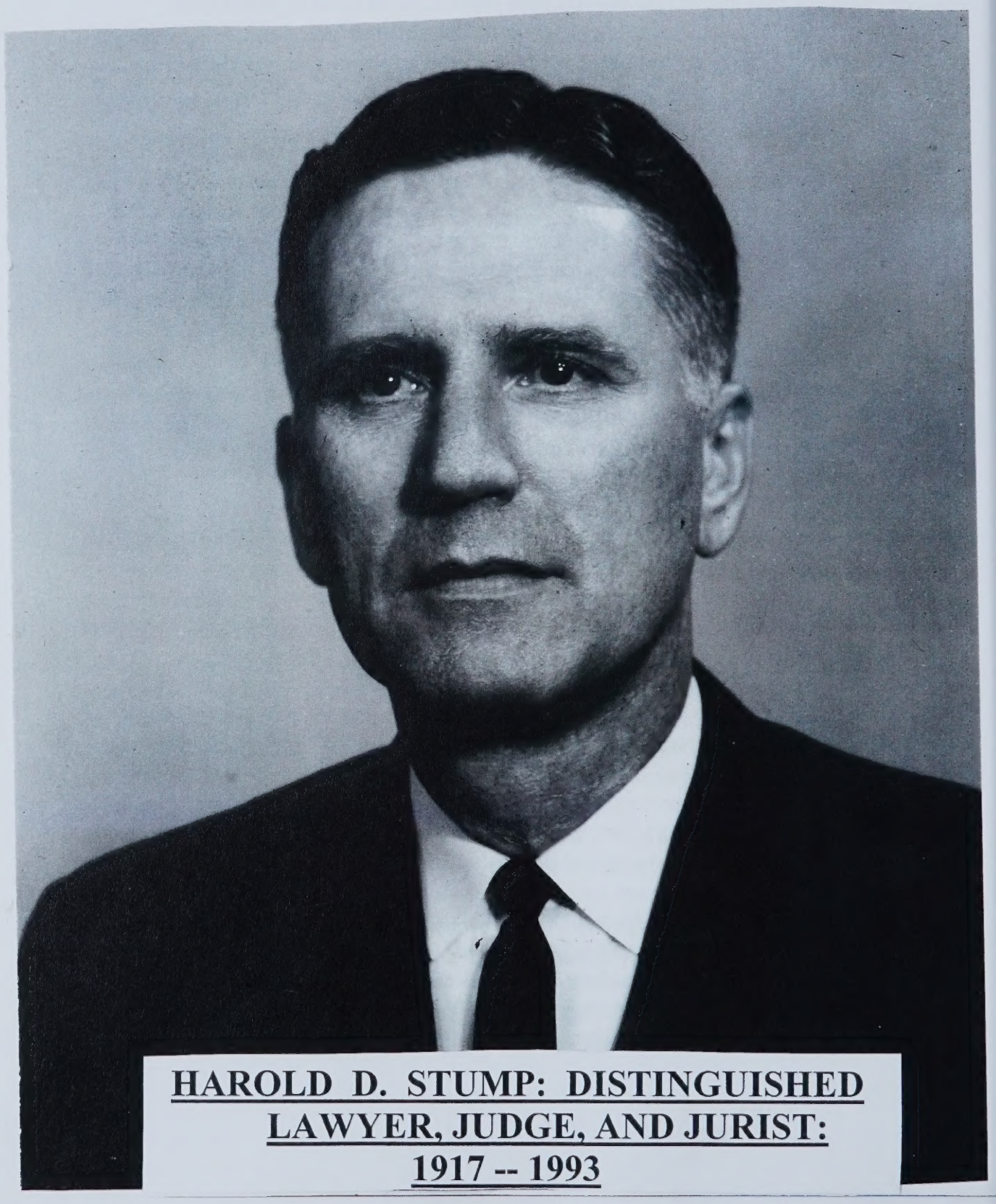
"Item. I devise to boys, jointly, all the useful idle fields and commons where ball may be played, all pleasant waters where one may swim, all snow clad hills where one may coast, and all streams and ponds where one may fish, or where grim winter comes, one may skate, to hold the same for the period of their boyhood. And all meadows with the clover blossoms and butterflies thereon; the woods and their appurtenances, the squirrels and the birds and the echoes and the streams' noises, and all the distant places which may be visited, together with the adventures there found. And I give to said boys each his own place at the fireside at night with all pictures that may be seen in the burning wood, to enjoy without let or hindrance or without any encumbrance of care.

"Item. To lovers, I devise their imaginary world, with whatever they may need, as the stars in the sky, the red roses by the wall, the bloom of the hawthorn, the sweet strains of music, and aught else they may desire to figure to each other the lastingness and beauty of their love.

"Item. To young men, jointly, I devise and bequeath all boisterous, inspiring sport of rivalry, and I give to them the disdain of weakness and undaunted confidence in their own strength. Though they are rude, I leave to them the power to make lasting friendship and of possessing companions, and to them exclusively I give all merry songs and grave choruses to sing with lusty voices.

"Item. And to those who are no longer children or youth or lovers, I leave memory and bequeath to them the columns of the poems of Burns and Shakespeare and of other poets, if there be others, to the end that they may live the old days over again, freely and fully, without tithe or diminution.

"Item: To our loved ones with snow crown, I bequeath the happiness of an old age, the love and gratitude of their children until they fall asleep……



HAROLD D. STUMP: DISTINGUISHED LAWYER, JUDGE, AND JURIST: 1917 -- 1993

THE WALTER D. AND CLEMENTINE (HARTSOCK) STUMP FAMILY TREE (1886 – 2009)

WALTER D. STUMP
(1886 – 1962)

CLEMENTINE HARTSOCK
(1886 – 1970)

MARRIED:
APRIL 29, 1911

--- SON ---

Eleanor Eloise Buzan
(1918-1991)
Married to Harold D. Stump (1943-1948)

Harold D. Stump
(1917-1993)

Letha Mae Grogg
(1914-1999)
Married to Harold D. Stump (1968-1993) Letha's son, Delano Cordell Troyer

Philipine (Buss) Stump
Married to Harold D. Stump (1950-1966) Philipine's daughter, Karen (Russell) Stump Chapman

Carolyn Maria Stump
(1947 ----) Harold and Eleanor's daughter;
Married to Daniel Frank Tomanica 1970-1982

Husband: Married from 1988 to present:
Kenneth Herbert Olson
(1942 ----)
Children by Ken's Marriage to Janet (Schalow) Olson:
Christine Virginia Olson
(1968 ----)
Eric Kenneth Olson
(1971 ----)

Dianna Sue Stump
(1950 ----) Harold and Letha's daughter
Married to Terry Joe Rhoads 1971-1983

Husband: Married from 1987 to present:
John Oliver Hutson
(1951 ----)
Children by Dianna's Marriage to Terry Rhoads:
Ryan Paul Rhoads
(1972 ----)
Michelle Dawn (Rhoads) Bosley
(1973 ----)
Angela Mae (Rhoads) Brannan
(1975 ----)
Children by Dianna's Marriage to John Hutson:
Seth Oliver Hutson
(1988 ----)
Stepson: John Shane Hutson:
(1973 ----)

Dianna Sue (Stump) Rhoads Hutson's and John Oliver Hutson's Grandchildren:

Ryan Paul Rhoads and Mary (Provenza) Rhoads:
Children:

Gabriel Thomas Rhoads
(Jan., 1998 ----)
Eliana Dianna Rhoads
(September, 2004------)

Michelle Dawn (Rhoads) Bosley and Jeffrey Scott Bosley
Children:

Kayla Christine Bosley
(Dec., 1993 -----)
Alyssa Joy Bosley
(Nov., 1997-----)
Luke Michael Bosley
(Jan., 2002 ----)
Rachel Marie Bosley
(Nov., 2004 ----)

Angela Mae (Rhoads) Brannan and Erik Shane Brannan
Children:

Emily Nichole Brannan
(Jan., 2002 ----)

Kylie Renee Brannan
(August 15, 2005------)
Audrey Lauren Brannan
(August 15, 2005------)

THE STUMP MEN: L-R: SON CHARLES, SON WALTER D., FATHER DANIEL D., AND GRANDSON HAROLD D.

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2009 -- 2010

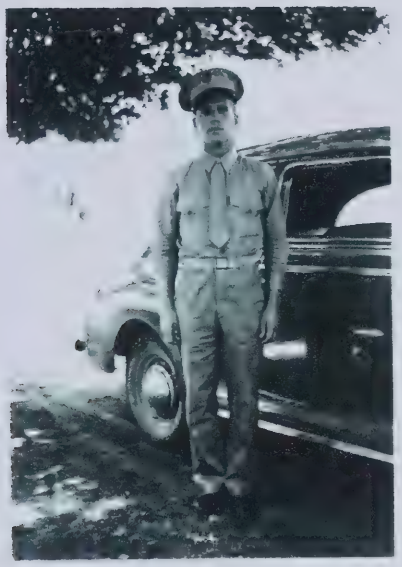
FOOTPRINTS IN THE SAND...
A FATHER'S LEGACY

Upon returning from service in the Marine Corps during World War II, Harold D. Stump, the son of Walter and Clementine, was searching for a path in life which would bring him comfort and fulfillment and erase the brutality of war which he had witnessed first hand in the South Pacific, particularly during the Battle of Iwo Jima. He had only to look to his parents for stability and strength during that transition period of relative calm in the late 1940's. Harold knew that Walter's exemplary character and calm demeanor would provide a lifelong road for him to travel upon which he could tread with confidence. As Harold was later to tell his children, he decided to "follow in his father's footsteps," as he embarked upon his own lifelong journey filled with purpose and passion.

As a result of the examples of service and commitment provided by his parents, Harold had followed Walter's patriotic entrance into World War II by resigning as a Special Agent for the FBI to join the Marine Corps.....But equally significant, Harold also was to follow Walter into the judiciary, into the Autumn hazes of the hills of Brown County, Indiana, and ultimately into the annals of DeKalb County, Indiana history as a man, like Walter D., who was beloved by his fellows for his compassion, his knowledge, and his wisdom.

Walter D. and Clementine Stump have only to look to their grandchildren, Dianna and Carolyn, to their great-grandchildren, Ryan, Michelle, Angela, and Seth, and to their great-great grandchildren, Gabriel, Eliana, Luke, Rachel, Emily, Kylie, and Audrey, in order to witness the impact of their lives upon the fabric of today's world of 2010....the progeny of Walter, Clementine, and Harold still retain the wholesomeness of their Indiana roots, the resourcefulness of their native intelligence, and the optimism of lives well-lived as they each walk toward hopeful futures. Walter and Clementine's footprints in the sand continue to forge a passage through our yesterdays, our todays, and our tomorrows with their reminder that each of us can take an active control over our own destinies....their pathways are tangible proof that moral certitude in this world exists and that its imprints upon our individual wills can never be washed away by the seas of a fickle fate or by the missteps of mankind.

As you Walk with the Fathers and the Mothers of the Stump Saga, may Peace, Comfort, and Solace always be with You, the Travelers along the Highways and the Byways Illuminated by the Pioneers of Our Future.



Harold on leave from the Marines

Harold with his father,
Colonel Walter D. Stump

Harold with his biological
daughter, Carolyn Maria
1949

Harold on far left with his cronies at
Brown County; Walter D. is seated
the second from the right (1950's)

WALKING WITH MY FATHER...

BESIDE A CHILD

....FREEDOM FROM FEAR....

MEMORIES OF GRANDFATHER
WALTER D. STUMP

....FREEDOM FROM WANT....

MEMORIES OF GRANDMOTHER
CLEMENTINE STUMP

Life Stories: Children Find Meaning in Old Family Tales

When C. Stephen Guyer's three children were growing up, he told them stories about how his grandfather, a banker, lost all in the 1930s, but didn't lose sight of what he valued most. In one of the darkest times, Mr. Guyer says, when his grandfather was nearly broke, he loaded his family into the car and took them to see family members in Canada. The message: "There are more important things in life than money," says Mr. Guyer, of Littleton, Colo.

By Sue Shellenbarger

The tale took on new relevance recently, when Mr. Guyer downsized to a small house from a more luxurious one. He was worried that his children, a daughter, 15, and twins, 22, would be upset. To his surprise, they weren't. Instead, their reaction echoed their great-grandfather's. "What they care about," Mr. Guyer says his children told him, "is how warm are the people in the house, how much of their heart is accessible."

As parents cut budgets, many are finding family stories have surprising power to help children through hard times. Storytelling experts say the phenomenon reflects a growing national interest in telling tales, evidenced by a rise in storytelling events and festivals. New research bears out the value of family stories, linking teens' knowledge of them to better behavior and mental health.

An Emory University study of 65 families with children ages 14 to 16 found kids' ability to retell parents' stories was linked to a lower rate of depression and anxiety and less acting-out of frustration or anger, says Robyn Fivush, a psychology professor. Knowing family stories "helps children put their own experience in perspective," Dr. Fivush says.

The trick is telling the stories in a way children can hear. We're not talking here about the kind of story that begins, "When I was a kid, I walked to school every day uphill both ways, barefoot in the snow." Instead, choose a story suited to your child's needs, and make eye contact to create "a personal experience," says Sherry Norfolk, chairman of the National Storytelling Network, a Jonesborough, Tenn., nonprofit. "You don't have to tell children what they should take from the story," she says. "They can intuitively understand what the moral is."

Matt Collins

When Carla Freeman's daughter became anxious a few years ago about having to change schools, the Atlanta mother related her own childhood stories of switching to another school in her community. Her old friends dropped her and, at her new school, "I was kind of an oddball" at first, she told her daughter. But Ms. Freeman bounced back and made new friends. She credits the stories with helping her daughter, now 12, develop resiliency and the ability to "hold herself together" against challenges.

A touch of humor helps. At Scott Prengle's Dallas home, his son Bobby, 17, has heard tales about his grandfather growing up in times so hard that his hungry schoolmates would devour apple cores left over from his lunch. As Bobby tapped a nearly empty salad-dressing bottle over his salad at dinner one evening, Scott laughed and invited him to do as his grandfather did: Put water in the bottle and shake it up, to use every last drop. Scott says his father's frugal habits "drove us crazy, but the idea was that nothing went to waste."

While Bobby declined to water down his dressing, he says of his grandfather that "I follow in his footsteps" in other ways, saving paper clips and rubber bands. And when Scott recently trimmed the family budget, he thought he saw an echo of his late father in Bobby, in the way he calmly accepted the loss of his oft-used gym membership.

Even when you think your children aren't listening to your stories, Dr. Fivush says, they probably are. Thomas Pontes thought his children, 12, 14 and 16, shrugged off tales of his grandfather, an immigrant farmhand who worked his way up from living in a barn to owning a home. To Mr. Pontes, of Providence, R.I., the story shows "the kind of optimism you need to pick yourself up from a field somewhere tending cattle" to cross the Atlantic, fueled solely by hope.

But when I asked his daughter Katie, 16, about the stories, she not only remembered them, but said they've "helped me become more appreciative of my life and how easy things are for me." Even if kids don't seem to appreciate family stories, she says, in time they'll "realize just how important they are."

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PREFACE

"Elderhood brings us full circle, to a life that favors Being over Doing. This is a gift of great value."

By William H. Thomas, M.D.

By the time that Walter D. Stump and Clementine (Hartsock) Stump were known by their granddaughters, Karen, Carolyn, and Dianna, in the 1950's, their search for "being" was complete. Both of them had reached the stages in their lives in which being Solid and Dependable were more important traits to their family than were Charisma, Energy, and Ambition. As they grew into elderhood, W.D. and Clemmie each had a presence about them, an inner assurance, which was the result of having survived two world wars, the Great Depression, a divorce by their only child, Harold, and the deaths of their own parents and many family members; consequently, nothing could frighten them further. Having been born in 1880 and molded by the mores of the Victorian Age, they were devoutly focused on those traits of wholesomeness and wholeness which would have left them reviled by the "coarsening" of the youth of the twenty-first century by the media and by the press. W.D. and Clemmie's adult lives were always characterized by civil behavior and by civility to others, and as a result, both of them were completely comfortable in their own skins. Each of their personas revolved around an impenetrable sense of self which could be peeled away in layers but never completely exposed, the inner fabric of which was the result of having lived and loved for many years. There was not a shred of pretense or bravado about either one of them, and they lived their lives completely true to themselves while uncomplainingly accepting their fates and fortunes.

Throughout his life, Walter D. was a voice of moderation, calm, and stability in the midst of crisis. As a veteran of World War I and World War II, he had served voluntarily in each conflict and finally ended his military career in the United States Army with the rank of Colonel. He was unflinchingly resolute in his patriotism which led him to part with his much-loved wife, Tina, and his infant son, Harold, during World War I, and which led him during World War II to close his law practice in Auburn, Indiana, to re-enlist at the age of fifty-five in the Army, to experience combat in Fascist Italy, and to spearhead the evacuation of Italian civilians during the eruption of Mount Vesuvius in 1945. As a frequent orator at many local civic organizations in DeKalb County, Indiana, Walter prepared speeches recounting his wartime adventures and was a sought-after contributor to the lore of the DeKalb County locals who had also experienced war on a global scale. In an expose of the Stump family written by Stump Cousin Sylvia Huitema which is included in these annals, Walter D. and his brother, Albert, are described as having "brilliant minds," a heritage which Walter translated into being a lifetime advocate of lifelong learning for himself, for his son, Harold, and for his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. In the 1950's, Walter ultimately won election as Judge of the DeKalb County Circuit Court, and during his tenure, he spent his leisure time in Brown County, Indiana, where he and Tinah had purchased a cabin in wooded hideaway where Walter ran his foxhounds and Tinah prepared breakfasts in an iron skillet for the local men who gathered at the Stump homestead whenever W.D. was in residence. Known for his belief that "brevity was the soul of wit," W.D. was a man who did not seek publicity or public acclaim, whose wisdom was well-known by his compatriots, and whose opinions were steadfast and resolute; as a result, Walter frequently enjoyed being the rapt listener to the stories of local color which were told by those friends who joined him at his Brown County summer home. At his home on Auburn's Seventh Street, Walter quietly pursued his interests which included raising and running his beloved foxhounds; reading the National Geographic Magazine; remembering the quiet eloquence of his boyhood idol, the statesman William Jennings Bryan; revisiting distant times in volumes of history; and translating the Italian Bible which he read from cover-to-cover three different times, his finely-tuned ear always appreciative of a well-turned phrase or thought. As age and the ravages of cancer sapped his strength in 1960, he remained to his dying day a figure of adulation and strength to his family, friends, and the community of Auburn. In the DeKalb County Bar Association's Resolutions of Respect prepared upon his death, Walter D. was characterized as a "great man," a singular description which was also granted to his son, Harold D., when Harold, a DeKalb County judge for thirty years, passed away thirty-three years later in 1993.

Clementine (Hartsock) Stump, affectionately called, "Tinah," by Walter D, had the gift of being able to turn moments into lifelong memories for Harold, for her grandchildren, and for the Hartsock family. She enjoyed capturing the present through photographs which she sent to her friends and acquaintances, knowing instinctively that those pictures would make time stand still for her descendants and capture the cherished moments of her life. Tinah's life had been characterized by "passages" which were thrust upon her by the choices and decisions of her family and by the progression of world events. Always frugal and uncomplaining, Tinah endured the separations from Walter and from Harold during wartime, and she occupied her time with fine-tuning her homemaking skills which ranged from saving bacon drippings for use in food preparation, saving rags and cloth for community-service rummage sales, making sausage using a hand-cranked meat grinder, and canning dozens of jars of fruit each season from the trees in her backyard on Seventh Street. As a woman who was singularly family-centered, she also traveled to visit Harold in New York City where he and his first wife, Eleanor, had set up housekeeping when Harold was a Special Agent for the FBI in 1943, she participated in each Hartsock reunion, and she braved a trip to Colorado to visit her sister, Alice (Hartsock) Bone, in 1960. Due to her patriotic experiences as a helpmate to Walter and mother to Harold during the war, Tinah was actively involved with the Presbyterian Church in Auburn, the American Legion, and the Rebekkah Lodge throughout her middle years and her elderhood until her infirmities and age terminated her exposure to these causes and to the family activities from which she derived such pleasure. Throughout her life until her death in 1970, Tinah was the embodiment of strength, grace, and decency to her family and to her friends.

Both Walter D. and Clementine knew that oftentimes individuals, as well as civilization, needs to go back in time in order to move ahead and go forward. Hence, they preserved their heritage in pictures, in words, and in deeds for their families and for their locality, much of which has been carefully selected for print in this book about their lives and times. Like the cumulative effect of eons of water upon stone, the effect of twentieth century life had cleaned, smoothed, and worn away the jagged edges of their beings and of their battles with life forces and with fate by the time that W.D. and Tinah knew their grandchildren. What have been preserved in the memories of their grandchildren are their life histories and their characters which were written in the wrinkles and creases of their faces, in the sags and folds within their skin, and in the twinkle in their eyes and the bloom in their cheeks. Their ageless and bold life lessons and life forces continue to educate and edify the echelons of their ever-expanding descendants and the legions of strangers who will obtain comfort and strength from this record of their passage on earth.

COLONEL WALTER D. STUMP
And
CLEMENTINE STUMP
1944

WALTER D. STUMP AND CLEMENTINE HARTSOCK STUMP.....1950'S

MEMORIES ARE MADE OF THESE....

The recollections of a child encompass only images that are pressed upon the memory like the fading wildflowers of summer....most of them are fleeting, windblown wisps of smoke that reappear later in life as blurred memories as we ponder the vulnerability of both childhood and old age....in our "Golden Years" we are again reminded of our immutable connection to the past and those who sheltered, protected, and bound us to them with their laughter, their tears, and their blood.

WALTER D. STUMP:
FREEDOM FROM FEAR

1950'S

...LOVINGLY SHIELDED CAROLYN FROM THE VIOLENCE ON TELEVISION BY TURNING THE CHANNEL WHENEVER ROY ROGERS, THE LONE RANGER, OR HOPALONG CASSIDY PROGRAMS WERE AIRED...

...LOVED APPLES WITH BROWN SUGAR, AND CINNAMON....

...LOVED TO SMOKE A GOOD CIGAR AND A PIPE WHILE READING HIS FAVORITE NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC MAGAZINE...

...LOVINGLY DONNED KHAKIS EACH DAY FOR CASUAL WEAR AFTER PARTICIPATING IN TWO WORLD WARS AND RETIRING AS A COLONEL...

...LOVINGLY, HIS WIFE, CLEMENTINE, WOULD GOOD-NATUREDLY CHASTISE HIM FOR THE PIN HOLES IN HIS SHIRTS WHICH WERE THE RESULT OF HIS TOBACCO HABITS...

...LOVINGLY, HE ALWAYS PATTED A SMILING CLEMENTINE ON THE TOP OF HER HEAD WHEN HE LEFT HIS HOME FOR HIS DAILY WALK TO HIS DOWNTOWN LAW OFFICE AFTER HE RETIRED...

...LOVINGLY THANKED EACH PERSON FOR HIS YEARLY CHRISTMAS PRESENTS OF SOLID WHITE SHIRTS AND CONSERVATIVE TIES, BUT HIS EARNEST GAZE WAS RESERVED FOR THE CHILDREN'S DELIGHTED SMILES WHEN THEY OPENED THEIR GIFTS...

NORMAN ROCKWELL.....FREEDOM FROM FEAR

WALTER D. STUMP....1950'S

WALTER D. STUMP
July 14, 1886 - February 6, 1962

May all of Walter's descendants be reminded of the words of Reverend John Danforth on June 11, 2004, as he eulogized President Ronald Reagan: "...there is no better time to celebrate the triumph of light over darkness than in a service for Ronald Reagan." Truer words were never also spoken for the life of light and moral clarity given to us by Grandfather Walter D. Stump.

Walter D. Stump was born in Noble County, Indiana, in 1886 and was one of three sons born to Jessie (Smith) Stump and Daniel D. Stump. Walter had two brothers, Albert and Charles, of whom Albert became a prominent attorney in Indianapolis, ran for the United States Senate, and was the chief organizer and legal proponent of Blue Cross/ Blue Shield of Indiana. Charles, however, remained engaged in farming with his father and lived in the Stump homestead with his parents until his death. Albert and Walter, both being highly intelligent and steadfastly devoted to their individual viewpoints, had spirited discussions as adults which left them and their respective families infrequent visitors to one another's homes. However, both Walter and Albert were dutiful and doting sons to their parents, and both they and Charles found themselves well-grounded as adults and able to undertake challenging and responsible positions in the military and in civilian life.

Upon graduating from Tri State University, Walter taught school at Wolf Lake High School and eventually became the principal of the school with his best friend from college, Maynard Buckles, becoming the school's superintendent. Upon securing the funds necessary to further his education, Walter entered Valparaiso University Law School and graduated in 1911; shortly after his matriculation, he married his college sweetheart, Clementine Hartsock, and together they set up housekeeping in Auburn, Indiana, where Walter began his law practice. One of Walter's enduring memories of his days as a law student was immortalized in a letter to his parents, Daniel D. and Jessie, in which he described the momentous occasion of hearing a speech by the orator, statesman, and Presidential candidate at the turn of the century, William Jennings Bryan. Walter recounted to his parents that William Jennings Bryan spoke with ease, confidence, and conviction, and that his voice was so well-modulated that he could be heard equally well by those people in the back as well in the front of a crowd of hundreds when he gave his well-publicized outdoor speeches, most notably, his "Cross of Gold" speech. As Walter too began his law career, he was also to be called upon to speak at many patriotic and civic occasions in northern Indiana and southern Michigan, and those who heard his voice also were struck by its singular clarity and deep resonance.

When World War I broke out, Walter, volunteered with other DeKalb County men for active duty in the Army, and under his leadership, Company K was formed and Walter was selected as the Captain of the local brigade. Throughout the war, Walter served in the 137th Field Artillery Regiment which saw extensive action in France. Before being deployed overseas, Walter celebrated the birth on October 28, 1917, of his and Clementine's only child, Harold D. Stump. It was at his duty station of Fort Shelby, Mississippi, where Walter learned of Harold's birth, and the accompanying letter to his son has become a family heirloom and has become a treasured reminder of the superb example of patriotism for which the Stump family has always been noted. Walter and all of his generation hoped that World War I would be the "war to end all wars," and his devotion to his country make him willing to accept "paying the ultimate price" to ensure freedom for his fellow citizens in the United States and freedom-loving people all over the world. As the 2004 campaign slogan for George W. Bush proclaims, Walter D. too had "the vision to promote freedom and the courage to defend it" throughout his life.

When Walter returned to Auburn after the war, a two-year-old Harold greeted him, and Walter immediately christened his son, Rogan, which remained Harold's pet name from his father for the remainder of his life. Walter began the practice of law in Auburn at this time , and his expertise in legal matters and wise investments made the Depression years a time of limited hardship on Walter and on his family. However, Walter, being a very strict taskmaster for Harold, admonished Harold to pay his own way through Indiana University as an undergraduate and eventually through Indiana University's Law School as well. Upon recounting his college years, Harold later said that he knew that his parents would assist him if he ever needed their help financially, but Walter's lessons in frugality were to leave an indelible impression on Harold, as well as all of those who matured during those "lean years". During family Christmases in the 1950's, WD's standard gifts would be white shirts and ties, items for which he always seemed delighted to receive, but he especially was an eager and appreciative audience when the children unwrapped their designated presents. Years later as Harold's daughters, Carolyn and Dianna, began their schooling after high school, Walter's emphasis on education allowed both girls to attend the schools of their choice funded by trust funds which Walter had established.

Walter's pursuit of excellence in the legal profession and in his personal life were again to be evidenced by the tragic events of December 7, 1941. On March 7, 1942, three months to the day after the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor, Walter again answered the call to duty, and although he was fifty-five and a half years old, he convinced a recruiter friend of his to allow him to reenlist in the Army. Six months later, Walter was sent overseas and spent the remainder of the war stationed in Italy. He participated in both the African and Italian campaigns, received a Bronze Star and numerous campaign ribbons and decorations from the Italian government, and was discharged with the military rank of lieutenant colonel. His son, Harold, was later to describe Walter's love of country as "patriotism that has never been excelled." Walter's letters and correspondence from both World War I and World War II were extensive, and Walter's descendants have been encouraged to have them published, a task which is currently being undertaken.

After the war, Walter returned to Auburn to practice law and was elected to two six-year terms as judge of DeKalb County Circuit Court which spanned from 1946-1958. During this time, he was also a much -sought-after speaker in Indiana and Michigan for various civic and service organizations as he recounted his war-time experiences, in particular the eruption of Mt. Vesuvius which occurred in 1945. During the eruption, Walter, and other servicemen, were assigned to assist the refugees and protect the Italian cities and towns which were threatened by this force of nature. Walter, in particular, enjoyed describing an incident in which several nuns from an abbey directly in the path of the lava flow walked up the side of the mountain and planted a cross in the ground. As if by divine intervention, the lava stopped at precisely the point at which the cross had been placed and the convent was spared the wrath of Mt. Vesuvius. Walter's religious convictions and faith were also themes for his speeches for which he gained a reputation as a highly effective and eloquent communicator. Walter's love of Italy was evident also in his having learned to speak, read, and write Italian fluently, and his son, Harold, said that Walter read the Italian Bible three times during his life.

In his leisure time, Walter enjoyed raising foxhounds at his residence on Seventh Street in Auburn and running the dogs at his summer home in Brown County, Indiana. Many neighbors of Walter and Clemmie's were not even aware of the dogs' presence in their neighborhood due to the immaculate pens which Walter maintained to house his pets. The Stump residence in Brown County consisted of a log cabin with an upstairs, an outhouse, an outdoor shower, a pen for the dogs, and a water pump. Clementine and Harold accompanied Walter to the cabin frequently during the 1940's and 1950's where Clemmie would fix bacon and eggs in an iron skillet for Walter, Harold, Bob Stonestreet, and the many local characters who dropped in frequently whenever W.D. was in residence. So remote and Spartan were the conditions at the cabin in Brown County that Harold would go ahead of the women, including the children who were there, with a stick to "scare the Copperhead snakes away" as the females made their way to the outhouse. Walter and the men tremendously enjoyed the sounds of the hounds as they pursued their quarry, and all present would sit around a campfire, tell outrageous stories and jokes, and listen to the soothing sounds of the locusts emanating from the densely wooded terrain. The sounds of Walter calling the hounds home by blowing on horns fashioned from the horns of oxen were a haunting yet compelling conclusion to the foxhunt each evening. Years later, Harold would listen to the laughter of the men at the camp as it was recorded on a wire recorder which he had hidden on one occasion, and W.D.'s distinctive chuckle could be heard as he observed the activities of the men and participated in their story-telling.

Upon the birth of his granddaughter, Carolyn Maria Stump, on October 19, 1947, Walter became a very protective and watchful grandfather. On many occasions as Carolyn was growing up during the 1950's, Walter told her that it was not healthy for a child to watch so many episodes of The Lone Ranger, The Roy Rogers Show, and The Cisco Kid because the violence of these early cowboy shows would have a negative effect on her. Thus, long before it became popular to sanction the violent content of the media,

Walter D. precisely labeled the offensive shows "dangerous" to the psyche of children. Harold too had also followed Walter's example of responsibility and devotion to his parents. One task that Harold with which Harold assisted his father was that of car maintenance as Walter always drove extremely slowly down all highways and byways in the Auburn area.. Harold's trip to the garage with his father's automobile always resulted in the mechanics doing nothing more than driving Walter's car seventy miles an hour on the state highways to remove excess carbon from the engine. Walter was particularly pleased when Harold adopted another daughter, Dianna Sue, and he would have been a equally vigilant protector of Dianna's spirit had not the ravages of cancer tested his courage and composure in 1960.

Harold again became the protector of his father as he participated in the care and comfort of his father after his cancer was diagnosed. As Walter's condition grew worse, he could no longer climb the steps of his home on Seventh Street, and a bedroom was set up in the dining room of the spacious home. Each evening Harold would drive from his home on Indiana Avenue to his parents' house to give Walter a nightly dose of morphine so that Walter could get a pain-free night's rest. When Walter's condition was deemed terminal, Walter purchased land across from Harold's proposed home on Morningstar Road, and proceeded to build a home so that Clementine could be near her son after Walter's inevitable death occurred. Throughout the ordeal of Walter's illness, Walter remained stoic and uncomplaining except to tell his son on one occasion that the pain was "excruciating," an admission which saddened and distressed Walter's family. Bob Stonestreet, Harold's best friend who had been a medic during World War II, also helped to lift Walter to and from his sick bed upon which occasion Bob would say, "I'm going to move you, Judge." Walter finally succumbed to his illness on February 6, 1962, at the age of seventy-six.

In a small town, the true measure of a man can sometimes be found in the words of his friends and those of adoring strangers who have heard of the accomplishments and achievements of prominent citizens like Walter D. Stump. The details of those words of tribute can be found in the obituary which follows this story, but the import of the accolades leads to the one conclusion, which was stated by Walter's friends and colleagues who comforted the grief-stricken Harold and Clementine.... Walter D. Stump was not only a fine man, he was truly a "great man" as well, a man who knew that humility always comes before honor. W.D. Stump set the standards for civil behavior and for the commitment to a higher calling of service to God, to country, and to others upon which his descendants pursued their dreams and their everyday lives; his sense of moral certainty paved the paths upon which his son, Harold, and his grandchildren, Carolyn and Dianna, walked during their time on Earth. May W.D.'s future descendants all also revere his life of light which was ennobled by personal sacrifice and personal responsibility...he left behind for each of them a legacy of freedom and a heritage of honor....Thank you.

WALTER D. AND CLEMENTINE STUMP WITH THEIR GRANDDAUGHTER, CAROLYN MARIA....1950'S

WALTER D. STUMP AND GRANDDAUGHTER,
CAROLYN MARIA.....1956

CLEMENTINE HARTSOCK STUMP: FREEDOM FROM WANT

1950'S

...LOVED TO BAKE SUGAR COOKIES LADEN WITH HER SCRAPS OF BACON GREASE WHENEVER HER GRANDDAUGHTER, CAROLYN, VISITED; CAROLYN'S LOVE OF BAKING STEMMED FROM HELPING HER GRANDMOTHER...

...LOVED TO TAKE PICTURES OF CAROLYN WITH AN ANCIENT POLAROID WHENEVER SHE VISITED; PRINTS OF THOSE PICTURE WERE SENT TO EVERY RELATIVE GRANDMOTHER STUMP HAD....

...LOVED A PICTURE OF CAROLYN AT THE AGE OF ONE WHEN SHE WAS SITTING NAKED IN A WASHBASIN; DOZENS OF PRINTS OF THAT PICTURE WERE FOUND IN GRANDMOTHER STUMP'S PERSONAL EFFECTS AFTER SHE DIED....

...LOVED TELLING CAROLYN STORIES OF HER CHILDHOOD WITH SEVEN SIBLINGS BEFORE CAROLYN FELL ASLEEP, SAFELY WEDGED AGAINST HER GRANDMOTHER'S SIDE, ON THOSE NIGHTS WHEN SHE SLEPT WITH CLEMENTINE....

...LOVINGLY TOOK THE FLASHLIGHT AND THE READER'S DIGEST MAGAZINE AWAY FROM CAROLYN WHEN CAROLYN WOULD READ INTO THE NIGHT UNDER THE COVERS IN THE BED SHE OCCUPIED WHEN SHE SPENT THE NIGHT...

NORMAN ROCKWELL....FREEDOM FROM WANT

CLEMENTINE HARTSOCK STUMP...1940'S

CLEMENTINE HARTSOCK STUMP....1950'S

CLEMENTINE HARTSOCK STUMP
August 27, 1886- July 9, 1970

Clementine Hartsock was born into a raucous family of eight with her parents, Wes and Mary Rosina (Covrett) Hartsock, having the distinction of rearing four boys and four girls: Benjamin, Wes, McKinley, Jones, Blossom, Alice, Leora, and, of course, Clementine. As a girl, Clementine, or Clemmie as her school friends called her, was a loving and sentimental young woman who attended Tri State University in Angola, Indiana, a quest for higher education which was an unusual goal for a young woman at the turn of the twentieth century. While at the university, she met Walter D. Stump, and as is obvious from the display of pictures of Walter and Clementine in the album about their college days, they were surrounded by many friends with whom they had wonderful picnics, swimming dates, and wholesome fun at the many lakes in Steuben County. Most noteworthy of all of their friends was Maynard Buckles whose picture appears in almost every photograph of Walter and Clementine at Tri State. Their son, Harold D. Stump, would on occasion tease Clementine about her "courting days" with Walter D. and how he would pick her up for their dates in a horse and buggy.

Walter and Clementine were married in 1911, and their only child, Harold D., was born when Walter was stationed at Fort Shelby, Mississippi, before being deployed overseas during World War I. In a letter which has become a treasured family heirloom, Walter D. describes the joy and pride he feels upon the birth of his son and sends his newborn son an object lesson in patriotism, a value which was to be the defining quality which characterized the lives of both Walter and Harold.. When Walter returned safely from World War I sporting a moustache, Harold, who had just learned to talk, called his father by a neighbor's name because that man too wore a moustache. Much to the delight of Walter and Clementine, Clemmie would ask Harold who his father was, and Harold would always reply that his father was the neighbor man who sported the moustache like Walter's.

Growing up with Walter and Clemmie was a wonderful adventure for Harold as his summers were spent with his grandparents in Noble County in the company of many first cousins. However, both Walter and Clemmie were strict taskmasters who held Harold accountable for his actions even as a small boy. On one occasion, Harold had not returned home at the designated hour in the afternoon because he was with his friends riding horses. When he arrived home late, Clemmie tied Harold to the porch by putting a rope around his waist, and Harold had to survive the taunts of his friends as they went by and saw him pinioned to the porch. Ultimately, Harold hid behind the railing of the porch to escape the notice of his friends, but that incident taught Harold the meaning of shame, a lesson he never forgot. Clemmie also felt that Harold should develop his musical skills by learning to play the violin. As Harold stared wistfully out the dining room window at his friends going to the local baseball diamond with their bats over their shoulders, Walter, sensing his son's predicament, gently convinced Clemmie that Harold had practiced enough that day and should go with his friends.

Walter, Clemmie, and Harold shared the Stump passion for dogs which had originated with Daniel D. Stump's sporting dog named Sport which he kept on his farm in Noble County. Walter kept fox hounds in a kennel behind his home on Seventh Street in Auburn, Indiana, an avocation which surprised many neighbors as the kennels were kept so clean and the dogs were so well-behaved that many people did not even know that the dogs were there. Harold had a Boston Terrier named Pat who was Harold's constant companion. Pat loved hamburger, and at the end of his life as he was to be put to sleep by the veterinarian, Clemmie and Harold gave Pat as much hamburger as he could eat before taking him on his final journey. Harold commented that he and Clemmie cried at Pat's demise, but Walter, having witnessed the brutality of World War I, did not shed a tear. During those days too, neutering a dog was done in rather primitive ways, and Pat's emasculation took place at Daniel D.'s farm; Pat's head was put in a boot and a knife took care of his procreative parts, the same method that Daniel D. Stump used to castrate hogs on his farm.

On another occasion, Harold marveled at the stoicism of his mother; Clemmie cut her hand badly, and as Harold and Walter were taking her to the hospital to have it tended, Clemmie continued to smile sweetly and never complained even though the wound was bleeding profusely. Bearing pain and discomfort without flinching became a Stump trait which Harold passed on to his daughters, Dianna and Carolyn, and which Harold himself adopted as he steeled himself during the pain of chronic arthritis and kidney stones later in his life. Harold frequently described his mother as the "kindest person he ever knew," and this distinction was later passed on to his daughter, Carolyn, as Harold said that Clemmie and Carolyn were the two "kindest people he ever knew." Having this connection made with her Grandmother Stump helped Carolyn to define herself during several difficult events in her life.

Clemmie's kindness could also be seen when one of her brothers was imprisoned for a felony conviction. Clemmie sent Bennie homemade cookies and felt devastated at his plight while Walter D. remained steadfastly convinced that Bennie would never be welcome in his home again. True to her focus on family, Clemmie also accompanied Walter D. on his visits to their summer home, a rustic cabin with outdoor plumbing at Brown County, Indiana. During those visits, Clemmie would fix bacon and eggs in a cast iron skillet for Walter D. and all of the local men who were there each morning, and never once did she ever complain about the primitive and Spartan conditions.

The influence that Clemmie had upon the women who knew her was also noteworthy. During World War II when Walter and Harold were in the service, Harold's wife, Eleanor, whom he had met and dated for seven years while they were both students at Indiana University, lived with Clemmie while the men were overseas. The bond between the women was very strong and had been forged early in their relationship as Clemmie even traveled to New York City via train to help Eleanor learn domestic duties when she and Harold were first married and Harold was a Special Agent in the FBI. At the end of Clemmie's life, Eleanor was heard to comment that if it had been up to her, Clemmie never would have been placed in a nursing home, an observation that was even

more surprising when one realizes that Harold and Eleanor had been divorced for twenty-five years. Eleanor never forgot Clemmie's kindness, and Clemmie never forgot Eleanor's sparkling personality. When Carolyn was a small girl, Grandmother Stump would show Carolyn pictures of Eleanor and Harold when they were courting and married, but she always prefaced the unveiling of those pictures with the admonition that Carolyn should not tell "the men" that she had seen those photos.

Clemmie and Walter both knew that children need a strong sense of roots to keep them from bending and breaking with the onslaughts that life can deal, and providing Carolyn with those roots was Clemmie and Walter's goal in their lives. Walter D. would sit in his easy chair reading the National Geographic while Carolyn watched the cowboy programs which were a staple of TV in its infancy. Walter D. would gently admonish Carolyn that Roy Rogers, The Cisco Kid, and The Lone Ranger were not suitable programs for a little girl to watch due to their violent content. The TV would then be turned off, and Carolyn would go off into the kitchen to help Clemmie with her culinary chores. Not only did Clemmie and Carolyn make sugar cookies each time that Carolyn visited, which was several times a week, but those sugar cookies were made with bacon drippings, a remnant of Clemmie's surviving the Great Depression when nothing was ever wasted. On those memorable visits, Carolyn slept with her Grandmother in Clemmie's bedroom, and Clemmie would tell Carolyn stories about growing up in a household with eight children. Clemmie always took pictures immortalizing Carolyn's growth and visitations, and she would invariably make a dozen duplicate pictures of each one of Carolyn to send to relatives and friends. When Carolyn was older, she slept in the front spare bedroom of Walter and Clemmie's home on Seventh Street, and Clemmie would come into the bedroom in the middle of the night and find Carolyn under the covers with a flashlight reading the back issues of the Reader's Digest. Clemmie never admonished Carolyn, but merely tucked her in and told her to go to sleep. Carolyn and Clemmie also canned cherries from the cherry trees in the backyard of Clemmie's home, a practice which Clemmie also developed from the Depression; nothing was ever wasted, including rags, buttons, and cloth. One of Clemmie's favorite pasttimes was to attend rummage sales which were commonly presented by the Presbyterian Church, the American Legion and the Rebekah Lodge, all organizations to which Clemmie belonged.

Clemmie and Walter were devoted marriage partners. When Walter discovered that he had cancer, Harold and Clemmie took care of him even after his illness made climbing the steps to his bedroom impossible. True to his marriage vows, Walter's primary concern was Clemmie's well being, and in the throes of his illness, he built a home across from Harold's home on Morningstar Road in Auburn even though he knew that he would never be able to live in the home except as an invalid. Throughout his life, Walter always would go to "Tina", as he called Clemmie, and kiss her on the forehead and pat her head as he headed uptown to his law offices; now at the end of his life, he still relied on Clemmie's steadfastness, and would ring a bell when he needed her attention as he bravely faced the ravages of cancer. Harold and his best friend, Robert Stonestreet, who also lived next to Walter on Morningstar Road, took the primary responsibility for Walter's care with Harold giving Walter morphine shots for the pain each evening during the last

months of Walter's life. Before Walter died, he and Clemmie celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary, an occasion which was captured in pictures by Harold at the hospital in Fort Wayne where Walter was admitted at the end of his life.

After Walter's death, Clemmie had a difficult time adjusting to life without her mate. Clemmie began to suffer from hardening of the arteries, an early name for what today could be called Alzheimer's. Harold hired a steady stream of live-in companions for Clemmie and made certain that her sisters visited as often as they could. Inevitably, Clemmie needed to go to a nursing home, and Harold was able, with the help of the local priest, Father Lange, to find accomodations at the Sacred Heart Nursing Home in Avilla, Indiana, where Clemmie could receive around-the-clock care. While she was there, Clemmie received excellent care, and frequently the attendants would fix popcorn and ice cream (her favorite) for Clemmie in the middle of the night. Clemmie was only in the nursing home a few months when she passed away. In attendance during her last moments were Harold and his wife, Letha; the last words which Clemmie spoke were "Walter" and "Harold" as the nuns in the room whispered prayers in her ears.

Clemmie left a legacy for her granddaughter, Carolyn Stump Olson, which is still being harvested today, June 4, 2004, thirty-four years after her death. Not long ago, Carolyn received a package from Clemmie's sister-in-law, Orpha Hartsock (widow of Wes), in which were carefully preserved pictures of Harold D. and Carolyn's birth mother, Eleanor. Orpha had been given the pictures by Clemmie to be given to Carolyn if "anything happened" to Clemmie and when Carolyn had a home of her own. Those pictures meant the world to Carolyn and made her feel her Grandmother Stump's love for her beyond the grave. In addition, Carolyn also discovered a small floral vase which had a note inside which read, "to be given to Carolyn Stump, daughter of Harold D. Stump." More treasures placed aside for Carolyn included handkerchiefs sent back to Clemmie from Harold when he was in China during World War II and a handkerchief which was sent to Clemmie by Carolyn's only uncle, Frederick Buzan, when he was stationed in Alaska during World War II. A small carnival glass mug was also placed in safekeeping by Clemmie because it had been given to her by her mother, Mary Covrett Hartsock, and given to Mary by her mother. These treasures have been preserved by Carolyn and will be given to her great-nieces when they too have homes of their own.

Perhaps the most wonderful part of the legacy of Clementine Hartsock Stump has been her instinctive understanding that her descendants needed roots to tell them where those who went before have trod so that those who come after will have a moral compass to guide their actions as they too tread along life's paths. As a wife, mother, grandmother, and friend, Clemmie always saw the beauty deep within each soul and did all that she could to bring that beauty into the light. If nothing is as strong as gentleness, and nothing is as gentle as real strength, Clementine Stump is the strongest, the most gentle, and the kindest person that most people could ever know. Sometimes, when Carolyn needs her the most, she still feels her Grandmother Stump's arms around her, and this legacy of unconditional love is the heritage that Clemmie would want to pass along to her family and friends, both in the present and in the future.

CLEMENTINE HARTSOCK STUMP.....1940'S

CLEMENTINE HARTSOCK STUMP WITH HER GRANDDAUGHTER, CAROLYN MARIA...1950'S

Grandma Stump's Caramel Corn

Clementine Hartsock Stump made this cracker jack recipe on Halloween for all of the neighborhood children including her granddaughter, Carolyn

8 quarts popped corn
1 cup oleo
2 cups brown sugar
½ cup white Karo

Boil oleo, brown sugar, Karo for five minutes at rapid boil. Remove from heat and add teas. of soda and a pinch of cream of tartar. Spoon over popped corn

Put caramel corn on cookie sheet but do not press down. Bake at 250 degrees for one hour. Stir every fifteen minutes.

If recipe is doubled, boil the oleo, brown sugar, and Karo for ten minutes at rapid boil.

Clementine and Granddaughter, Carolyn Maria Stump – 1950

Clementine, Walter D., and Granddaughter, Carolyn Maria Stump, 1952

CLEMENTINE HARTSOCK STUMP WITH
GRANDDAUGHTER, CAROLYN MARIA...1950'S

THE VASE IN THE PICTURE IS A SPECIAL POSSESSION OF CAROLYN STUMP OLSON'S WHICH WAS GIVEN TO HER IN THE 1960'S BY HER GRANDMOTHER, CLEMENTINE STUMP

THE SHADOW BOX CONTAINS A BLUE HANDKERCHIEF FROM THE ALEUTIAN ISLANDS WHICH WAS SENT TO CLEMENTINE STUMP BY CAROLYN STUMP OLSON'S UNCLE FREDERICK BUZAN WHEN FREDERICK WAS STATIONED THERE DURING WORLD WAR II. THE HANDKERCHIEFS WERE THEN GIVEN TO CAROLYN OLSON BY HER GRANDMOTHER CLEMENTINE IN THE 1960'S SINCE THEY REPRESENTED BOTH THE BUZAN AND THE STUMP SIDE OF CAROLYN'S FAMILY....ALSO INCLUDED IN THE SHADOW BOX IS A PICTURE OF FREDERICK BUZAN AND CLEMENTINE AND A PICTURE OF FIVE-YEAR-OLD CAROLYN SITTING ON HER GRANDMOTHER CLEMENTINE'S LAP.

THE GRAMMAPHONE FROM THE EARLY 1900'S WAS ORIGINALLY OWNED BY DANIEL D. STUMP AND IS NOW SAFELY HARBORED IN THE HOME OF CAROLYN AND KENNETH OLSON

THE SHADOW BOX CONTAINS A SMALL GLASS MUG WHICH WAS GIVEN TO CLEMENTINE BY HER MOTHER, MARY HARTSOCK, AND GIVEN TO MARY HARTSOCK BY HER MOTHER WHEN MARY WAS A LITTLE GIRL ....THE SHADOW BOX ALSO CONTAINS SMALL PORTRAITS OF CLEMENTINE AND WALTER D. STUMP

THE DESK PICTURED ABOVE WAS HOUSED IN THE HOME OF WALTER AND CLEMENTINE STUMP THROUGHOUT THEIR MARRIED LIVES; THE DESK HAS A HINGED TOP WHICH OPENS TO REVEAL SEVERAL COMPARTMENTS AND A WRITING SURFACE. AS A CHILD, CAROLYN STUMP OLSON WROTE LETTERS AND DREW PICTURES FOR HOURS SEATED AT THIS DESK. UPON CLEMENTINE'S DEATH IN 1970, THE DESK WAS RELOCATED TO HAROLD AND LETHA STUMP'S RESIDENCE ON MORNINGSTAR ROAD WHERE IT STILL HAS A PLACE OF HONOR. KEN AND CAROLYN OLSON SHOWCASE THE DESK BY PLACING KEN'S MODEL SHIP, THE U S CONSTITUTION, ON TOP OF THIS PRIZED PIECE OF HEIRLOOM FURNITURE.

WALKING WITH MY FATHER...

BESIDE A CHILD

A RETROSPECTIVE OF
HAROLD D. STUMP
...THE EARLY YEARS
...THE POST WAR YEARS
...THE FATHER

1960...
A DEFINING MOMENT IN A
FATHER'S LIFE.....
ANOTHER CHILD TO
LOVE

HAROLD D. STUMP: THE EARLY YEARS

1917 -- 1940

THE EARLY YEARS

Harold was born during his father's enlistment in World War I when Walter D. was stationed in Fort Shelby, Mississippi. Walter's obvious delight in siring a son can be found in the letter he wrote to Harold upon his birth, a letter which both Carolyn and Dianna have framed upon the walls of their respective homes and a copy of which is found in this book. By the time that Walter was discharged from the service with the rank of Captain, Harold had already earned the nickname, Rogan, which was bestowed upon him by a doting Walter D. As Harold grew and flourished in his hometown of Auburn, Indiana, he enjoyed the benefits of having many first cousins in Noble County with whom to visit with the exception of Walter's brother, Albert's three children, all of whom Harold found to be "bookish" and not much fun for a young boy who had a keen sense of humor. Clementine wanted Harold to be well-rounded and persuaded a doubtful Walter D. that Harold could benefit from violin lessons; as Harold practiced his violin one day, he looked out the window and wistfully watched his neighborhood gang heading to a field to play baseball. Walter, upon seeing Harold's plight, placated Clementine, and told Harold that he should join his friends. Upon one occasion, Clementine and Walter's strictness resulted in Harold being tied to the porch as his friends watched when he neglected to come home at a designated time for dinner, and Harold's oldest childhood friend, Rod Kain, reminisced that Walter always made Harold come home after athletic events at Auburn High School rather than letting him be with his friends, a rule that Harold as a dutiful and respectful son never seemed to resent. At Auburn High School, Harold lettered in football, baseball, basketball, and track, and as a track star, his specialty was polevaulting which was performed with a bamboo pole in those 1930's field events. During one basketball game, Harold's toe became dislocated and Harold had to endure the painful and public return of the toe to its rightful place by a local doctor in full view of the spectators while Harold was lying on the gymnasium floor.

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Harold always did what he was told by his parents without tantrums, talking back, or pouting, but occasionally, Harold, like most adolescents, learned life lessons on his own. On one notable occasion, Harold was smoking a cigarette while walking to his home on Seventh Street from a high school event when, as he later recalled it, he heard "the old man" behind him; Harold quickly extinguished the cigarette and Walter D. never mentioned seeing Harold smoking. Harold also remembered going on a ride with a local friend who was a bit of a rogue in the young man's new car; Harold's friend drove the car so fast down the two-lane Highway 427 toward Fort Wayne that everyone became nauseous, and Harold recalled that the prints of his fingernails could be seen on the dashboard. After Harold graduated from Auburn High School in 1935 and was accepted to Indiana University, his fun-loving nature could be noted when he hitchhiked to the summer home of the Chicago Cubs baseball team in Florida to try out for the club's farm teams. Harold made the cut and was asked to join a Class B farm team that year as a pitcher, a prospect which Harold knew would have disappointed his parents' hopes for a more stable future for him. Reluctantly, Harold declined the offer and returned to college for a stint of summer school.

While in college, Harold was expected by his parents to pay his own way and not engage in frivolity at the expense of his lessons. As a result, Harold had a job making beds for other young men in the dormitory in which he lived and had a job bussing tables for the fraternity houses off campus. His best friends, Jean Kern and Tuck Watts, and Harold made a daring midnight visit to Harold's college beau who was later to become his first wife, Eleanor Buzan, and they escaped just in time to avoid being caught by the campus police. Harold also enjoyed the arts and enrolled in a Shakespeare course with Eleanor during which time he regaled his future bride with a picture of their professor complete with his horn-rimmed glasses and thick lenses. Due to his maturity and sound judgment, Harold was selected to be a dormitory counselor for the underclassmen, and he was voted the "most handsome" and the "most athletic" among the residents of South Hall for two years during his stint as an IU student. Being gifted with a beautiful bass voice, Harold also sang with a barbershop quartet on campus and sang with the group as the entertainment for the family reunion of a college friend. Throughout his life, Harold enjoyed listening to music whether it was the Big Band sound of his youth or the more subtle strains of Floyd Kramer's piano and Eddie Arnold's soulful ballads, the music of his maturity. During his summers away from the university, Harold raised peppermint at his grandfather, Daniel D. Stump's farm, and drove the horses up and down the crop rows, an experience which beget Harold's lifelong love of horses. When Harold graduated from IU in 1939 with a B.A. degree in history, he immediately enrolled in law school as the winds of war blew nearer and Hitler's saber-rattling was becoming more than a distant menace. After the attack on Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941, Harold and his generation knew that they had a "rendezvous with destiny," and Harold accelerated his law courses so that he could graduate in two years.

After graduating from law school in 1942, Harold became a Special Agent for the FBI, married his college sweetheart, Eleanor, and embarked upon a challenging career chasing as he put it, "draft dodgers" in New York City. Upon remembering those years, Harold remembered one "stake-out" in which he set up a two-way mirror in a suspect's hotel room as part of the surveillance and watched as the suspect entertained a variety of female guests. Harold also was a sharpshooter and was specially chosen by J. Edgar Hoover to accompany the director to Chicago; Harold was stationed on the roof of an adjoining building as J. Edgar Hoover used his megaphone to tell the suspect to come out with his hands up. So accurate was Harold's steady aim that even as a middle aged and elderly man, his shooting prowess was legendary among his family as Harold shot a raccoon off of his daughter Dianna's stucco house at night with the first shot, sighted through the horizontal members of the fence surrounding his property on Morningstar Road and hit his intended target, a groundhog, and took aim out the window of the small bathroom in his home to hit offending ground squirrels who invaded his bird feeders. Harold's stint in the FBI trained him in the art of self-defense and resourcefulness so thoroughly that even in 1961, Harold still knew the transportation system of New York City, including the subways, buses, and trains, well enough that he took his family on a memorable vacation to see the Big Apple.

Camp Shelby, Miss.
November 2, 1917.

My Dear Son;-

I have just received your letter stating that you arrived in Auburn at 12:40 last Sunday afternoon, and that you and your mother are both well. We had waited for you for a long time and had almost despaired least you might be denied us. Now that you are here, you will never know the profound joy that you have brought into our lives. I am here in Camp Shelby, Mississippi, Captain in the 137th Field Artillery preparing for war. Probably by Christmas time we will be embarked on a perilous journey across the sea. We will probably be either in France or Italy, and from the way things now appear we will likely be gone for two or three years before we return, and some will not return. The experiences which are now in store for us are mighty and terrible, the most stupendous spectacle in the history of civilization. Believe me when I tell you that the keenest delight that I could experience would be to look into your eyes before I leave the American shores. But this in all probability can not be. I will however be bouyed up by the hope of seeing you when all of these scenes are over. This will go long, long way to alleviate the heart-aches and the suffering of the Camp as well as the Battlefield. During all of these bbying months to come, you will be growing into life and vigor and the fond endearments of your mother. Your life will then be a Heaven-sent benediction to her and will help lift and dispel the ever present canker of dread and anxiety for my return. If however, I am not destined to see you, may my sacrifice and the thousands of others bequeath to you a decent opportunity to grow to manhood and enjoy a life rich with manifold blessings, in a world in which Democracy and Freedom as the Stars and Stripes have shown all mankind is the accepted standard, in the pursuit of which there will be "Peace on Earth, Good Will to Men".

Very Truly,

W. D. Stanley

Harold's first letter
From his Father

HAROLD D. STUMP'S FIRST LETTER FROM HIS FATHER, WALTER D. STUMP

CAMP SHELBY, MISSISSIPPI
NOVEMBER 2, 1917

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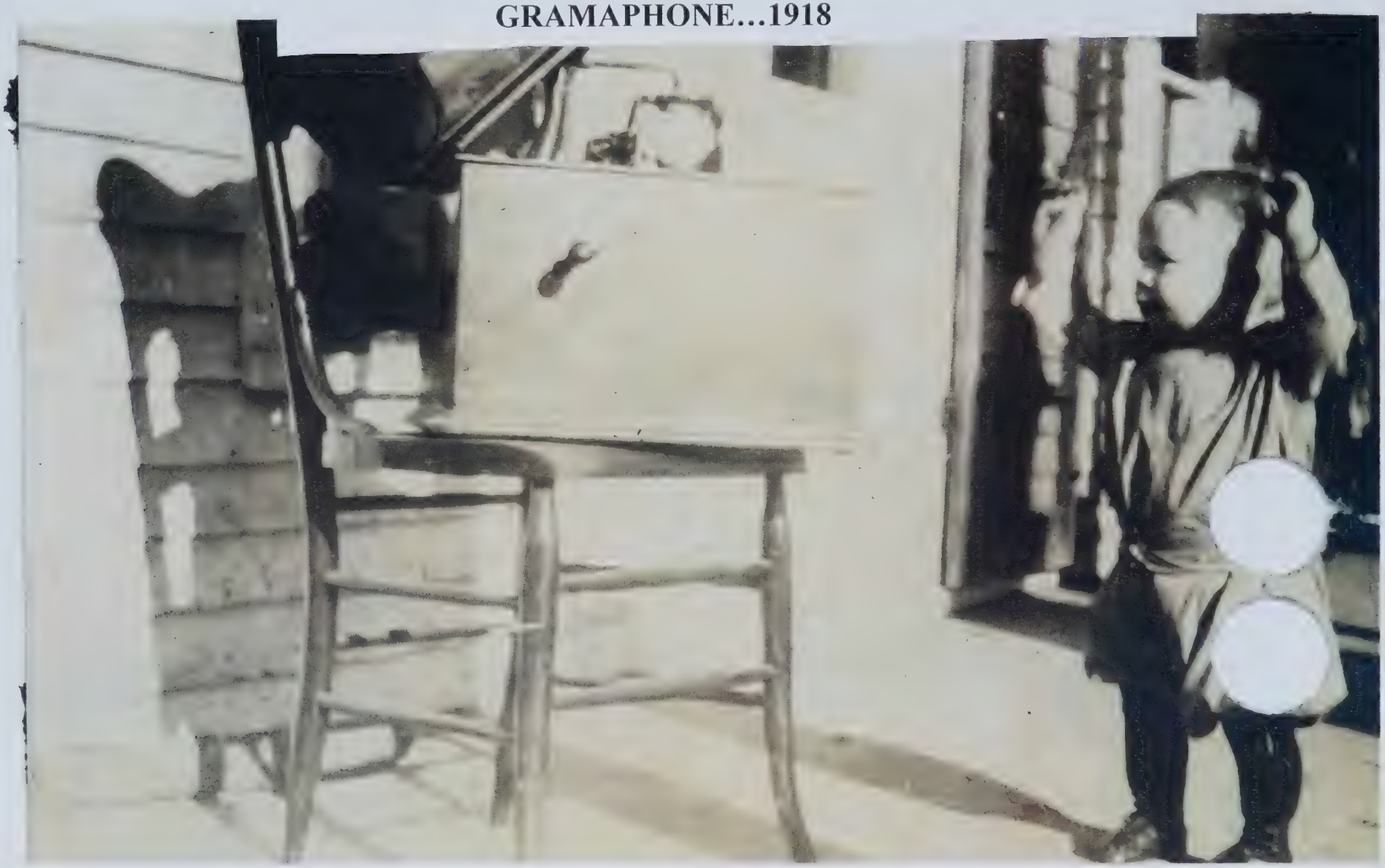
VERY TRULY,

W.D. STUMP

CLEMENTINE HARTSOCK STUMP WITH HER SON,
HAROLD D. STUMP....1918

Marian's Time To The Music Going Played On The Phonograph

HAROLD D. STUMP....DIRECTING THE MUSIC FROM
HIS GRANDFATHER, DANIEL D.'S,
GRAMAPHONE...1918



Thursday
Auburn, Indiana

November 1, 1917

Dear Grandpa and Grandma,

I arrived in Auburn Sunday, October 28th, 1917, on the 12:40 train. I tried my best to get here in time for Sunday School, but steam pressure got rather low and I could not make it in time.

It took me just 12 hours to get here. Mother had been up town and just got home and in bed when she received the telegram that I was coming. She had invited Mr. and Mrs. Jenkins over for dinner Sunday, but they had to eat their dinner at home, and I got the chicken on Monday and Tuesday.

Mother has named me Harold D. Stump. I weighed 9 pounds. I have a head of thick, long, light hair, blue eyes, a dimple in my chin like Daddy's and another one of my distinguished traits is my big hands and feet. I do not know how I could help that, do you? Mother and I are both feeling fine. We do nothing but eat and sleep.

The Doctor is going to take my picture soon to send to Daddy. Mother just had a letter from him, but he does not yet know he has a son. Dr. Clarke sent him a night letter Sunday evening.

Best regards to all,

Harold and Mother

P. V. HOFFMAN W. D. STUMP

Hoffman & Stump
Lawyers
Auburn, Indiana

October 26th, 1921.

Dear Father and folks;-

I have your letter of the 23rd and was very glad to hear from you. I have a lot of work in court to try during the present term, and just finished one this afternoon before a jury. I got the other side in a hole during the trial of the case so that they had to dismiss the case before we got through with the trial.

Harold and Tinah are getting along very well, although they both have colds. But I think they are now improving and will soon be alright. Harold has a great time with his bunny. He carries it around and engages in very profound discussions with him. He attends to feeding and watering it and is very much pleased with it. Yesterday he tried to make a chair for the bunny. He had in some way reasoned out that a rabbit would be more comfortable if it had a chair to sit in just as well as a person.

We had received a letter from Albert some days ago also, stating that Robert Stump is a new addition to the family.

We got your sweet potatoes and they are certainly fine. We all like them very much. I was out in the country several days ago and a farmer friend of mine for whom I am going to try a case on Saturday of this week, gave me enough fresh pork for several days, in fact we still have some of it.

We are coming out home again as soon as this term of court is over. The present term will end about on the 19th of November, and as soon after that time as I can get away we will be out there again.

With kindest regards to all, I am,

Sincerely yours,

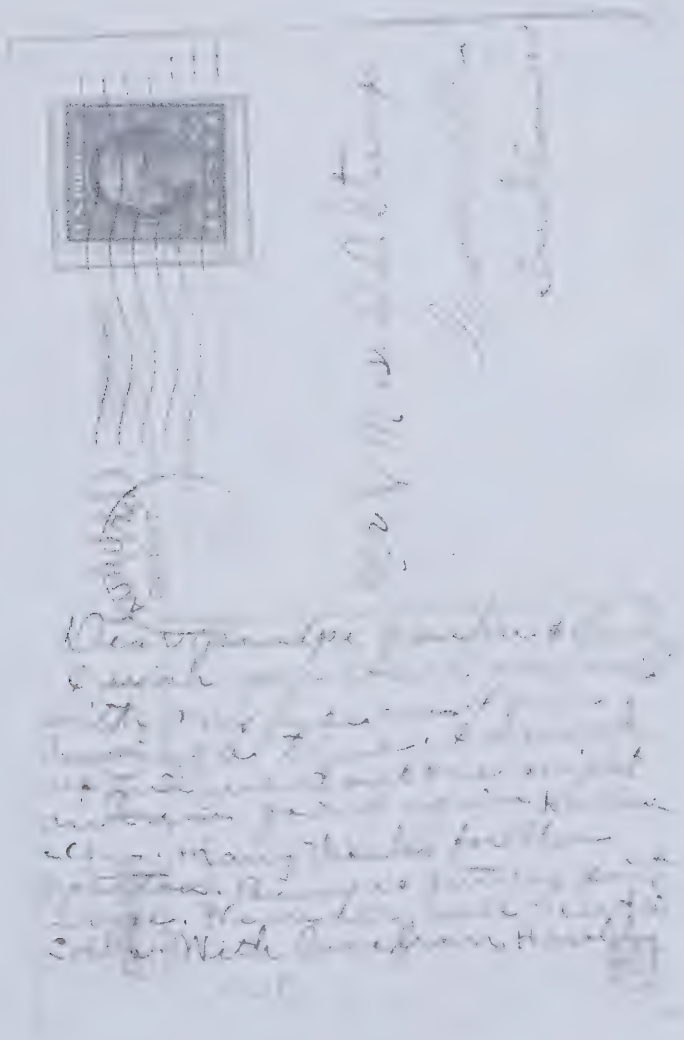
W. D. Stump

October 27, 1921

Dear Granpa, Grandma, and Charly,

I wish you could see me with my face on. I am having a time. I dressed up and went out one night and am going again Halloween. Many thanks for the potatoes. Bunny is getting quite large. We are all well excepting colds.

With love from Harold



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Dear Santa Claus

I want you to bring
me a cork gun.
And I want you to
bring me a few books
after I read them
I'm bring them back.

Dear santa claus

I may be out to
grandpas. four mile
west of wolf lake
2 miles.
Harold Stumpp

W. D. Stump
Attorney at Law
Auburn, Indiana

November 2nd, 1922.

Dear grandma:-

I received your letter today and was glad to hear from you. I am coming to see you after election. I get tired of staying at the office. I go down and stay with Harry part of the time.

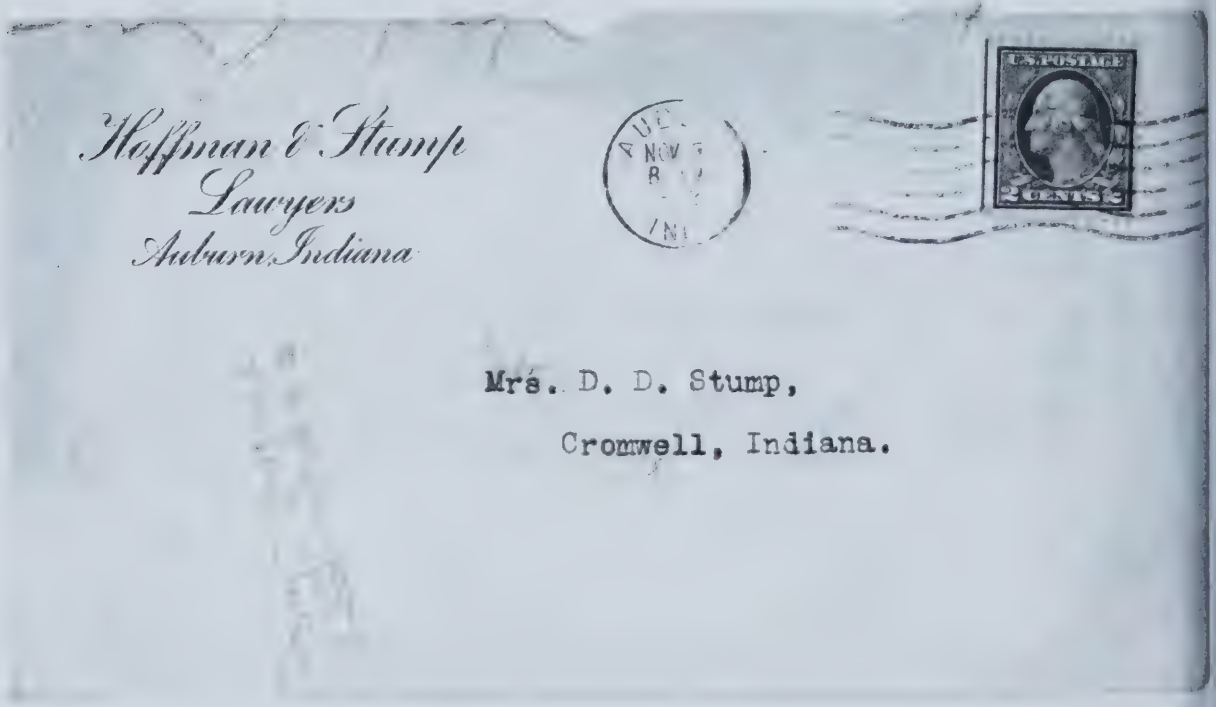
Daddy is up to Angola today. He will be glad when election is over.

Shelly's have a baby boy. I was over te see it.

Tell Charley I will be glad for the walnuts.

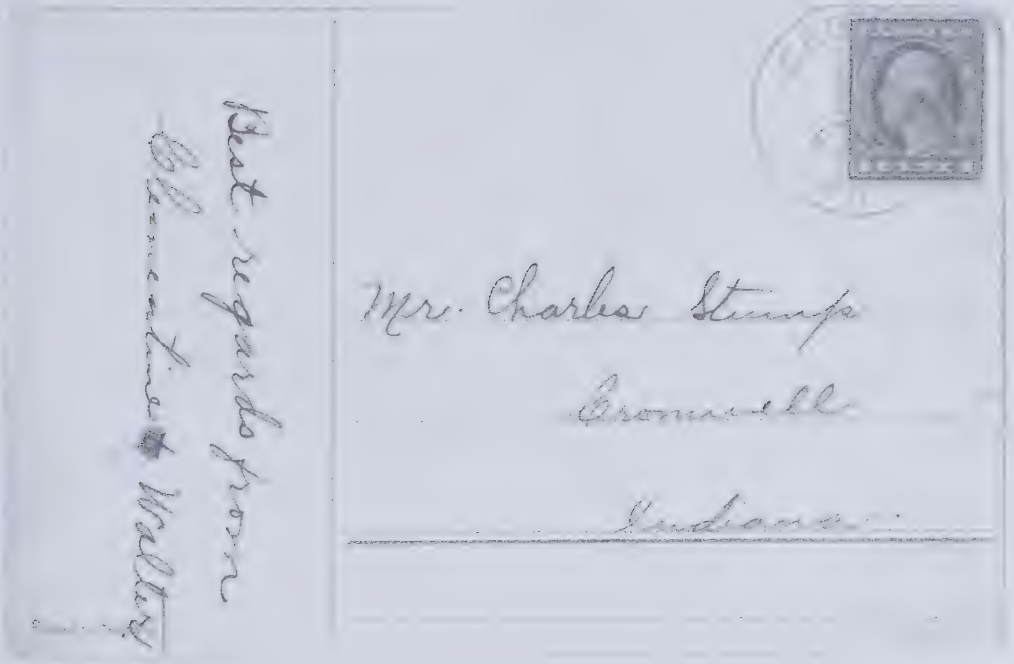
I am sitting on mother's lap writing and she is spelling the words for me.

From your grandson, Harold,



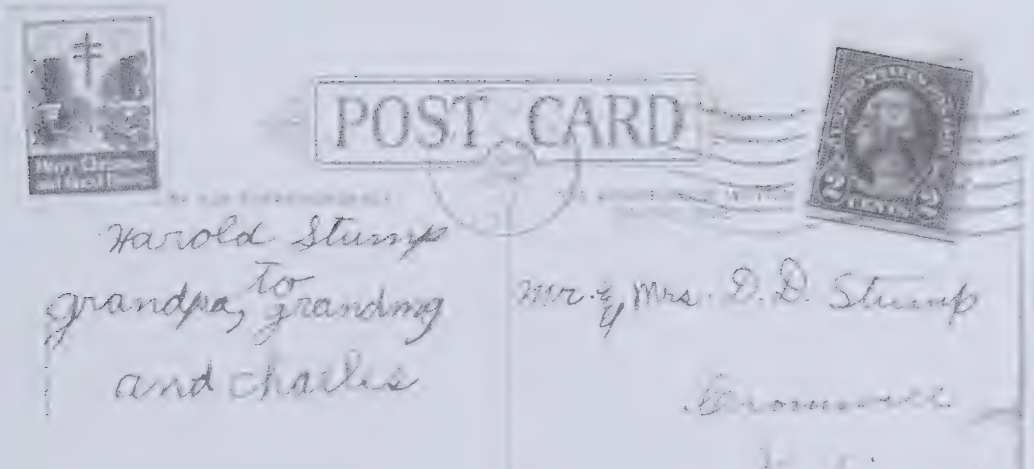
Hoffman & Stump
Lawyers
Auburn, Indiana

Mrs. D. D. Stump,
Cromwell, Indiana.



Best regards from
Clarence Walker

Mr. Charles Stump
Cromwell
Indiana



Harold Stump
grandpa, to grandma
and charles

Mr. & Mrs. D. D. Stump
Bronwood
Indiana

Mr Harold D. Stump

Carburine Indiana

411 Indiana Ave,

Feb 1st 1924

Dear Harold. We got your letter
this week and was glad to hear
from you. You surely wrote
a very nice letter. I am
glad you made such good
grades in your school
work. Write again and let
us know how you are all
getting along. We would
all like to see you again but
perhaps you had better not
come over more for a week
or so because we all have
a very bad cold

Good by Harold
from your Grandma
Mrs D. A. Stump

Lt. Mark Herrington

Santa Claus Land
December 23, 1924

Dear Harold:

I received your letter stating that you might be out to your Grandpa's four miles west of Wolf Lake tonight. The territory west of Wolf Lake is very familiar to me. I have always called on the boys and girls in that community and I will surely find you if you go to your Grandpa's.

Very Sincerely,
Santa Claus

Santa Claus Land,
December 13, 1911

Dear Harold:-

I received your letter asking that you might be out to your Grand Pa's four miles west of Wolf Lake tonight the territory west of Wolf Lake is very familiar to me. I have always called on the boys and girls in that community and I will surely find you if you go to your grand pa's

Very sincerely,

Santa Claus

Master Harold Stump
421 2nd ave.
Auburn
Indiana.

February 1, 1924

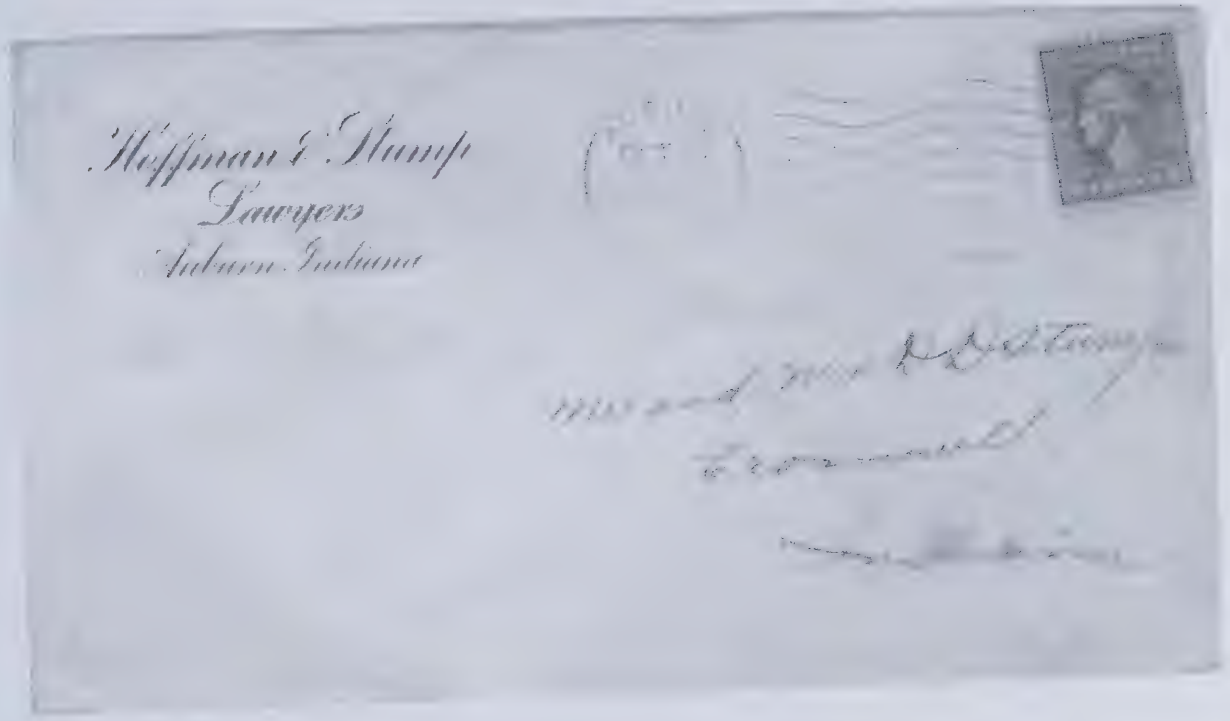
Dear Harold,

We got your letter this week and was glad to hear from you. You surely wrote a very nice letter. I am glad you made such good grades in your school work. Write again and let us know how you are all getting along. We would all like to see you again but perhaps you had better not come over now for a week or so because we all have a very bad cold.

Good By, Harold

From your grandma, Mrs. D.D. Stump

I will enclose a letter to your parents too.



Keep this

Mr Harold P. Stamp
Clerkship Indiana
221 Madison Ave,

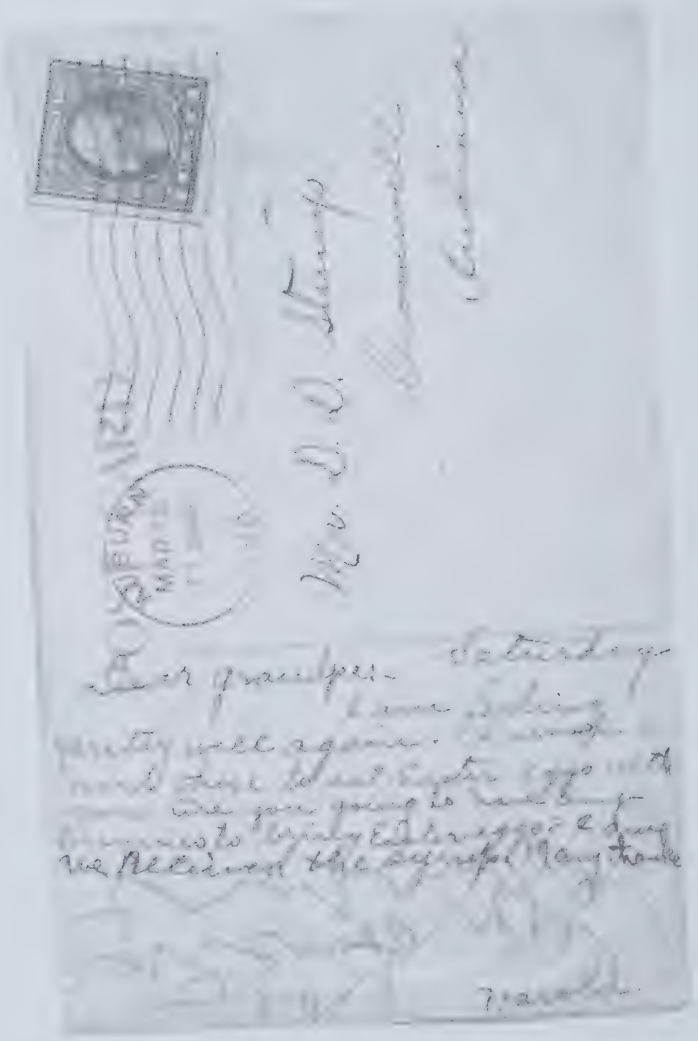
March 26

Saturday

Dear Grandpa,

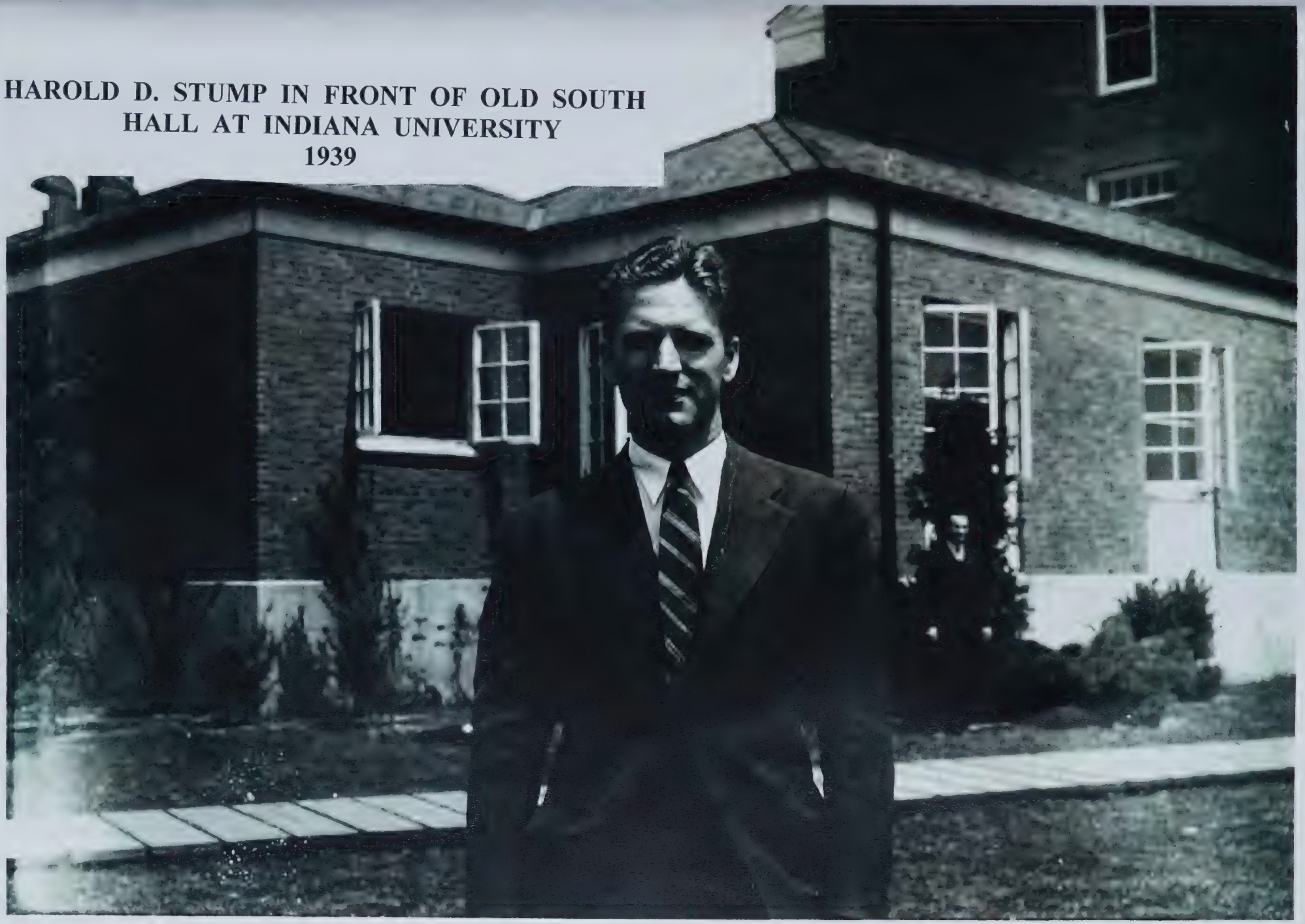
I am feeling pretty well again. I wish I were there to eat Easter eggs with you. Are you going to have any bunnies to bring Easter eggs? I am. We received the syrup. Many thanks.

Harold



WALTER D., HAROLD D., AND CLEMENTINE STUMP....1930'S

HAROLD D. STUMP IN FRONT OF OLD SOUTH HALL AT INDIANA UNIVERSITY
1939



WALTER D., HAROLD D., AND CLEMENTINE STUMP....1940'S

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WALTER D. AND HAROLD D. STUMP....1940'S

HAROLD D. STUMP:

THE POST WAR YEARS

1947 -- 1960

NORMAN ROCKWELL'S....THE COUNTRY DOCTOR

THE POST WAR YEARS
1947 -- 1950

During this time of post-war adjustment, Harold and his father raised foxhounds and ran the hounds in Noble County and other wooded locations, including Brown County, Indiana, where the Stump family owned a log cabin. Continuing his desire to establish permanence in his life led Harold and Eleanor to start a family, and Carolyn Maria Stump was born on October 19, 1947. The trials and tribulations of their wartime experiences and the necessary separations during the early years of their marriage ultimately led Harold and Eleanor to divorce in 1948 and resulted in Harold gaining custody of Carolyn in 1950 after he had remarried Philipine (Buss) Russell and after he had established a residence of his own on 421 South Indiana Avenue in Auburn. Philipine had an eight-year-old daughter, Karen Luanne, when she married Harold, and Harold became the only father that Karen ever really knew. Harold was keenly aware of the responsibilities of parenthood and also aware of his position as a prominent attorney with a family name that was respected by all, and he and Karen often clashed as Karen participated in the Rock and Roll Generation of the 1950's and as she frequently rebelled against the structure that Harold tried to provide in her life. Harold in turn was known for sometimes blurring the distinction between his career as a litigator and judge and his home life, so those under his jurisdiction at the office as well as those under his jurisdiction at home were expected to respond to life with the same moral clarity as Harold himself did. Ultimately, Karen married after high school and gave birth to two daughters, Kathy Ann Blevins and Lana Jayne Blevins. Karen's absence created a void in the lives of Harold, Philipine, and Carolyn which Harold tried to fill by concentrating his efforts on remodeling his two-story Indiana Avenue home himself, taking special pride in building a drawer for a closet in a bedroom. In 1959,

In 1959, Harold purchased a five-acre parcel of land on Morningstar Road, a mile from the Auburn City limits and a plot of land which was affectionately referred to the "the patch" by Harold. The "patch" was surrounded by a golf course on one side, Cedar Creek on the other side, and a pond which Harold refurbished on a third side of his property. Always taking advantage of any opportunity improve himself and learn new skills, Harold designed and meticulously drew the plans for a ranch home complete with an area for the dog dishes for the family dachshund, Schnitzie. Long after the workmen had left for the day, Harold could be seen each evening for the next year nailing added boards and insulation to the frame of the home which was being contracted by his high school friend and master carpenter, Don Meyers. Don was so adept at his trade that when Harold added a family room to his home in 1968 with a thirty foot expanse, the ceiling sunk only a sixteenth of an inch after the last supporting beam was removed. So meticulous was Harold in the construction of his home that the house still stands today as a model of functionality, convenience, and beauty to those who see it.

During the marriage to Philipine and the construction of his new home, Harold's most fervent desire was to have more children. Harold and Philipine therefore decided to adopt a child, and Dianna Sue Stump was added to Harold's family in 1960, a gift from

God and a child who, throughout her life, was a continual blessing to her sister, Carolyn, and to Harold.

THE HAROLD D. STUMP RESIDENCE FROM 1947 UNTIL 1960 AT 421 INDIANA AVENUE IN AUBURN, INDIANA

HAROLD D. STUMP....1940 AND 1950

HAROLD D.'S HOME ON MORNINGSTAR ROAD

HAROLD D.'S HOME ON MORNINGSTAR ROAD

HAROLD D. AT HIS BARN WITH FAMILY
DACHSHUND, SCHNITZIE....1970

HAROLD D. STUMP: THE FATHER

CHILDREN: KAREN LUANNE
CAROLYN MARIA
DIANNA SUE

RULES TO LIVE BY, ACCORDING TO HAROLD

1. Do not expect to be rewarded for bad behavior, and do not reward bad behavior in others.
2. Always be connected to a purpose and a power greater than yourself.
3. Commit yourself to the welfare of others.
4. Pursue excellence.
5. Remember that the world does not owe you a living.
6. Remain self-disciplined and stoic when facing the uncertainties and the unfairness of life.
7. The choices that one makes in life rather than the natural or god-given abilities that one has are the true indicators of character.
8. Do what is right purely because it is the "right" thing to do.
9. Avoid taking the "path of least resistance."
10. Love yourself, your family, your friends, and your country.
11. Believe in the phrase, "My Country, Right or Wrong."
12. Respect is something that you cannot demand, but rather something that you have to earn each day of your life.
13. Remain grounded by surrounding yourself with wholesome people and activities.
14. Do not let anyone talk you into pursuing any activities that are immoral, illegal, or dangerous to yourself or to anyone else.
15. Seek to understand, rather than to be understood.
16. Do not suffer a fool, gladly.

THE FATHER

Throughout his life, Harold believed that respect was something that one could not demand but was rather something that one had to earn, not just once, but every day of one's life. Harold always conducted his life according to that tenet, and he was impatient with those who, as he often said, "took the path of least resistance." This unwavering belief led him to never reward bad behavior in his family or in those who later in life faced him as defendants in his court when he was judge. One example of his intransigence was when Clementine's sister, Alice Bone, was arrested for panhandling in Union Station in Chicago in the early 1970's. Mrs. Bone had always been a "free spirit," and upon her detainment by the Chicago authorities, she had them make a call to Harold; Harold, who had never liked his aunt, told the police when they called to "lock her up." Years later when Mrs. Bone died and left Harold and each of her nephews twenty thousand dollars, Harold split the entire sum of money between Carolyn and Dianna because he refused to be a hypocrite and accept her bequest. With a belief in the moral certainty of holding people accountable for their actions, Harold and Philipine separated and finally divorced in 1966 after a troubled and despondent Philipine chose and needed to begin her life anew in a different environment. Harold did not want what he believed to be an unstable situation influencing his children, and with an abundance of encouragement to his daughters that "this too shall pass," Harold and his daughters entered another transition in their lives. Dianna continued to care for her father while Carolyn was in college at Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo, Michigan, and eventually in 1970, Harold met and married his true "soul mate", Letha (Grogg) Smith, a widow from Auburn who was still almost singlehandedly maintaining her farm after her husband, Kenneth's, death in 1965 while also working the night shift as a ward clerk at DeKalb Memorial Hospital. Letha (Sue) epitomized Harold's ideal woman as she was neat about her person, as Harold always was, she overcame adversity with grace and courage, and she maintained a work ethic which showed in her superb housekeeping and culinary skills.

When Harold became a proud father with the birth of Carolyn, the nurturing of Karen, and the blessing of Dianna, he assumed the responsibility for providing protection, emotional support, and financial security for them for the entire lives. He was acutely aware as judge of the circuit court that all children need roots to give them stability and wings to give them the courage to dream. To provide a sheltering home environment, Harold often hosted the youth fellowship group from the Stump family's home church, Maple Grove, a country church with a congregation of 150 people. Throughout the years, he could also be found tying Carolyn's tie for her band uniform, mounting leaves on a board for Carolyn's eighth grade Science project, outfitting a GI Joe doll with a tunic and helmet and an accompanying horse with an elaborate harness for Dianna's Latin class project, cleaning fish that Dianna had caught in the pond, or singing "Reveille" while blowing on an imaginary bugle at the door of the girls' room to wake them up each morning. Harold's sense of fairness toward others and protectiveness toward his daughters extended to prohibiting them from working outside of the home as teenagers or applying for scholarships as high school graduates because he felt that they would be

taking money from those individuals who really needed a job or college funds. As his daughters matured, one of Harold's favorite shared activities with Dianna was caring for, raising, and showing quarterhorses and Tennessee Walking horses in horse shows which took place in the surrounding counties. At one point, Yancy Stontestreet was engaged in competing in the horseshow circuit as well, and while Dianna showed her quarterhorse, Chubby Chucker, Yancy joined her in the ring astride his quarterhorse, Ladd.

After becoming judge in 1960, Harold often mediated hotly contested divorces, listened to the sordid details of people's personal lives, and determined difficult child custody arrangements, and as a result, when he came home each evening, he did not want any arguing or disputes between his daughters, Carolyn and Dianna. Although he was not overtly often demonstrative or the type of father to roughhouse or frolic on the floor with small children, both girls always knew the love was there. On one memorable occasion, Harold even took both girls shopping at Hutner's Paris Shop in Fort Wayne and dutifully sat on a chair while the girls tried on clothes in the dressing room appearing only to seek his approval on a potential purchase they were wearing.

During his thirty-year tenure as judge, Harold had the unenviable task of trying to raise his daughters in the public arena of a small town where their actions could reflect upon him and affect the public's view of his judgment. As a result, Harold frequently practiced "tough love" long before the term was coined in the 1980's. On one notable occasion, Carolyn, who was a Junior in high school at the time, had a date with a respectable boy whom she had been dating for two years. Their destination for the evening was at the home of another boy who had an equally respectable girlfriend, and their entertainment for the evening was to be playing card games which were supervised by the parents of the boy in whose home they were to gather. Harold had told Carolyn to be home by 11:00 PM, and at 11:05 PM, Carolyn strolled through the door only to be greeted by Harold who said, "When I say to be home by 11:00, I mean 11:00 and not five minutes after." In spite of this admonition, Harold's judgment concerning the welfare of his children was always appropriate and thoughtful even when both of his daughters endured difficult divorces in the early 1980's. During this time, Harold told the girls to select a mate who, in his words, "would wear well" over the years and counseled them to make thoughtful future decisions because, in his words, they "shall not walk this way again." While visiting her parents one cold winter evening in 1984, Carolyn in particular felt sorry for herself and bemoaned her plight; at that moment, Harold received a call from social services asking his authorization to remove two young children from a house trailer that had no heat because their parents had abandoned them. After giving authorization to the welfare workers, Harold reminded Carolyn that those children had something to really feel sorry about, and that she should begin to take positive steps to improve her attitude and prospects in life. Dianna too was given emotional and financial support during her years as a single mother of three young children, but both girls knew that Harold expected them to continue to be responsible people who would hold jobs and provide for themselves. Perhaps the nicest compliment that Harold ever gave to Carolyn during adulthood occurred one evening when Carolyn was visiting from her home in Chicago and the subject of Carolyn's birth mother, Eleanor, was discussed. Harold told

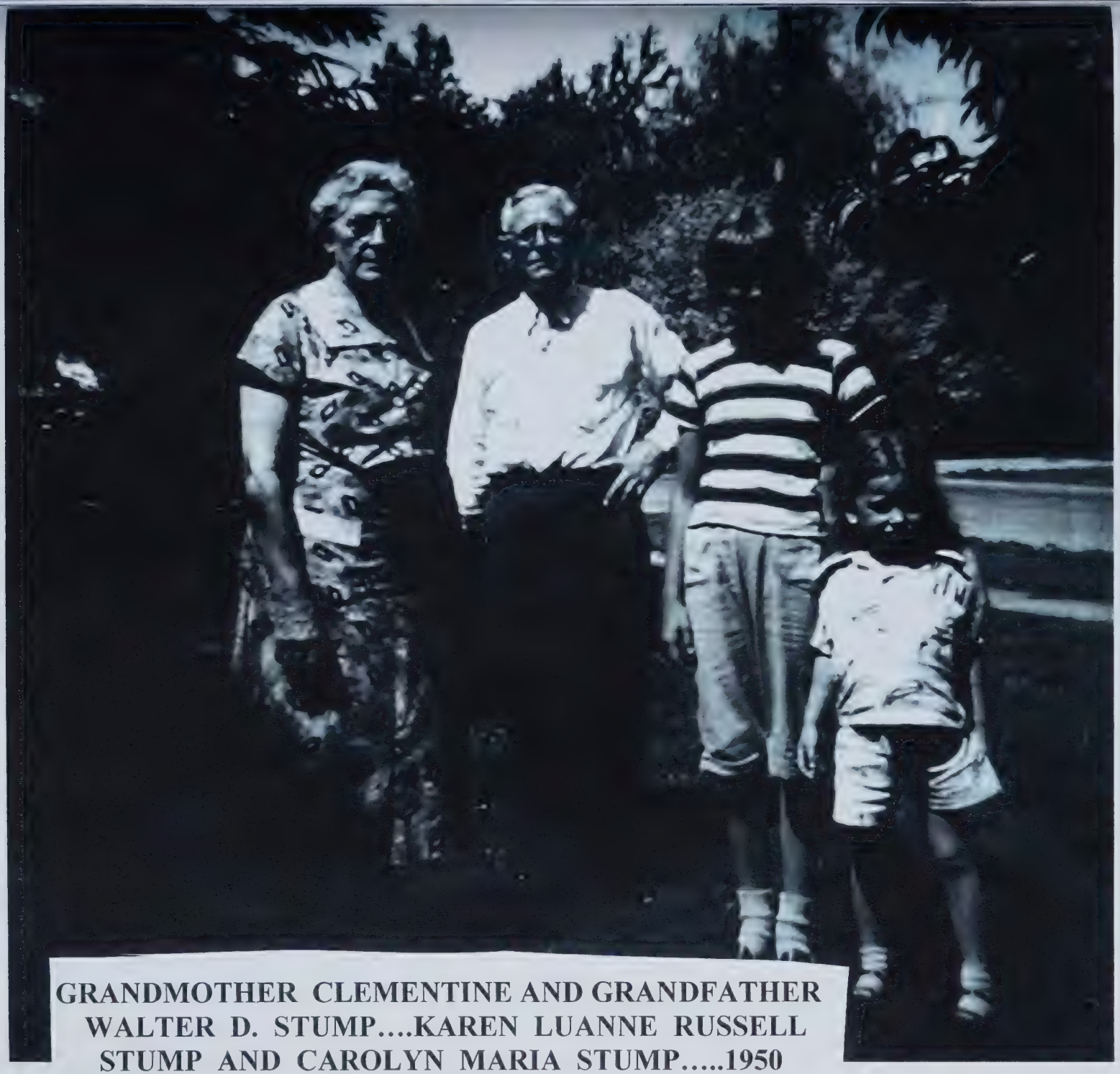
Carolyn, "How could I not always love her.....she gave me you." As always, Harold knew the loving words to say to make his girls feel special and to help heal some of the traumatic events which occurred during their childhoods and first marriages.

Harold also was a loving friend and patient supporter of his stepson, Delano Cordell Troyer, who was Letha's son by her first marriage. He and Delano had a special relationship which was based upon both men having served proudly and with distinction as United States Marines with Harold's service in World War II and Delano's service spanning two tours of duty in Korea during the Korean War. Delano was a devoted and loyal companion to Harold whether he was assisting Harold with mechanical advice on his lawn tractor, traveling with him to Chicago to bring Carolyn home to Auburn for some rest and recovery after her divorce, talking with him about personal problems, or seeking solace for professional dilemmas connected with his job with International Harvester, a job which Delano held for thirty years. Perhaps no more appropriate gesture of mutual respect was shown than when Delano accompanied Harold to Mayo Brothers Clinic for a diagnosis of his physical problems in November, 1992. During that week-long visit, Delano protectively pushed Harold in a wheelchair to his appointments throughout the vast complex, and he stayed with him in the waiting rooms as procedures were performed, including Harold's harrowing bout with his first MRI exam which was especially unsettling due to Harold's lifelong claustrophobia. When Harold passed away in June, 1993, Delano and his children grieved for a man who had been a charitable father and grandfather to them all.

CAROLYN MARIA STUMP....1947

HAROLD D. STUMP AND CAROLYN MARIA
1950

HAROLD D. STUMP, CAROLYN MARIA STUMP, AND HAROLD'S DOG, TINKER



GRANDMOTHER CLEMENTINE AND GRANDFATHER WALTER D. STUMP....KAREN LUANNE RUSSELL STUMP AND CAROLYN MARIA STUMP.....1950

LEFT TO RIGHT: JEFF BUSS, HAROLD D. STUMP, KAREN LUANNE RUSSELL STUMP HOLDING CAROLYN'S HAND, AND WALTER D. STUMP
1953

CAROLYN MARIA STUMP....1950

CAROLYN MARIA STUMP....1952

CAROLYN MARIA STUMP....1955

HAROLD D., PHILIPINE BUSS STUMP, CAROLYN MARIA, AND FAMILY BOSTON TERRIER, MITZIE
1955

KAREN LUANNE STUMP AND HAROLD D. STUMP WITH THEIR BOSTON TERRIER, MITZIE, AND A FARM DOG....PICTURE TAKEN AT JEFF AND JESSIE BUSS'S FARM IN THE 1950'S

HAROLD D. WITH DAUGHTERS, CAROLYN MARIA AND KAREN LUANNE RUSSELL STUMP WITH BOSTON TERRIER, MITZIE....1955

CAROLYN MARIA STUMP....1960

HAROLD D. AND PHILIPINE BUSS STUMP....1950

A DEFINING MOMENT IN A FATHER'S LIFE:

ANOTHER CHILD TO LOVE

THE ARRIVAL OF DIANNA SUE

THE ARRIVAL OF DIANNA SUE SMITH STUMP TO THE STUMP FAMILY IN 1960

The defining moments of Harold's life are each a personal memory for the Stump family and each remembrance is a source of pride for all who knew Harold's enormous strength of character and unwavering sense of responsibility. While many in this life give only lip service to their concern for the plight of the homeless, the disenfranchised, and the lonely, Harold matched his public, professional commitment as a child advocate who protected the welfare of children with a personal commitment to one lovely, charismatic ten-year-old little girl in the winter of 1960….her name was Dianna, and she brought joy and happiness to her adopted father for thirty-three years until his death in 1993.

As of this writing in 2007, Dianna Sue Stump Hutson is the mother of four adult children, the grandmother of seven, and a retired registered nurse who worked for twenty years in the obstetrics ward of the County Hospital in San Antonio, Texas, even being the nurse who gave the post-natal classes to the Hispanic women, a task that forced Dianna to learn Spanish. All of these accomplishments might not seem remarkable in themselves, but given the unwholesome nature of the first ten years of her life, her achievements are a testimony to her indomitable spirit, her innate practical outlook and common sense, and Harold's ability to nurture her strengths while protecting her weaknesses during the thirty-three years that he embraced her as his daughter. Before joining Harold's family in her tenth year, Dianna was aware of sexual abuse in her natural family unit and aware of hunger each night as she and her nine other siblings huddled into a single bed in their numerous rental homes, residences which kept them cold, uncomfortable, and clinging to one another for strength and support. Undaunted by the circumstances in her early life, Dianna was the sibling who always took the responsibility for providing the necessities for her sisters and brother, even if it meant stealing or shoplifting food and school supplies for the other children. When Harold visited his future daughter for the first time at her home before the natural mother's parental rights were terminated, he noticed immediately that Dianna had taken the initiative to create a makeshift swing for the little ones, and he knew then that her heart was pure, that her sense of responsibility was strong, and that she was a true survivor in this life. Giving her his stability, his love, and his name would be an inevitability that he would forever welcome from that moment onward. With each tender retelling of these events defining Dianna's life prior to her adoption, Harold was always left close to tears and always deeply grateful for the gift of Dianna's presence in his life.

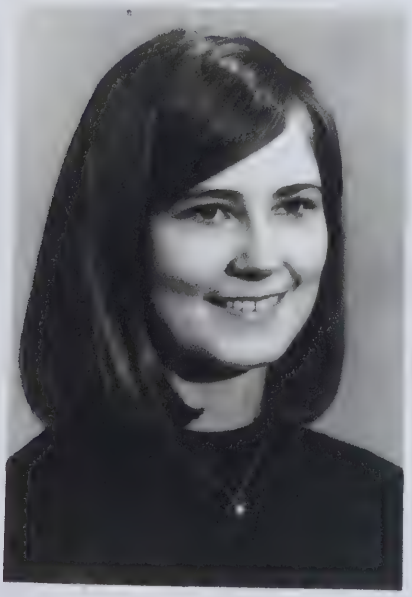
Guiding and directing any child who was sired by another demands a father who understands that children need roots to bind them permanently to those values that are unchanging and that children need wings to experience the possibilities that dreaming affords us all. Harold's efforts to both anchor and uplift Dianna's astute intellect and strong character were defining moments in his personal life which brought him intense fulfillment and great joy as Dianna's dad. Whether he and his adolescent girls were singing, "You Are My Sunshine" as they traveled in the car to the Saint James Restaurant for a dinner out or he was cleaning the fish that his middle-aged Dianna caught in her

father's pond on Morningstar Road on a visit home, Harold was engaged in providing comfort, substance, and memories which could outlast any and all obstacles in her life's journey. Among his personal gifts to his younger daughter was imbuing her with his love of horses, and each morning for many years, Dianna and Harold would dutifully rise before the sun and trudge to their pole barn behind the house to feed and groom the two horses who were comfortably ensconced in their stalls Preparing the horses with grueling workouts for upcoming horseshows was a regimen that they enjoyed together as they gathered the tack and perfected the outfits to showcase the horsemanship that came so naturally to Dianna's talents. Even after being without her dad for fourteen years, Dianna still clings to the familiar work ethic that she learned from her childhood with Harold as she clears brush all day on her south-Texas ranch and breeds, trains, and cares for her Peruvian horses. Dianna's inner beauty which Harold cultivated is still matched by her outer beauty, a trait that had always been a source of pride for Harold and for her family as she can still toil tirelessly each day and then shower, French braid her hair, and paint her nails, emerging ultimately as though she stepped from the pages of Vogue Magazine.

Most gratifying to Harold and to the values that he imbued in his second daughter would be the successful educational experiences which Dianna and her adult children achieved as each of them furthered their schooling and now embrace successful careers. Although Harold provided the funds to ensure that his progeny would all be able to reach their potential by attending college, Dianna and her children remembered the emphasis on scholarship, leadership, and character which were the foundations of life in the Stump home and which were the qualities to which they had been exposed throughout their interactions with Harold from the time that they were young. True to the her dad's advice and counsel, Dianna struggled mightily as a single parent but without any reservation to attain her R.N. degree in the 1980's, her son, Ryan, won the award as the outstanding computer science student prior to attaining his B.S. degree, her daughter, Michelle, graduated from the University of Texas with a degree in Biology, her younger daughter, Angela, oversees the nursery in a San Antonio hospital as a degreed R.N., and her youngest child, Seth, is faithfully pursuing his college studies after having been selected his Senior year as the outstanding student attending Vanguard High School in Boerne, Texas. Bringing the influence of her father full circle, Dianna's guidance and character-building experiences have provided her older three children with the resources that now they draw upon as they raise Harold's great-grandchildren, Gabriel and Eliana Rhoads, Luke and Rachel Bosley, and Emily, Kylie, and Audrey Brannan.

As a tangible reminder of Harold's love, compassion, and guidance, Dianna's life is a testimony to the power of the human equation in God's universe….she defined his life and was defined by him in ways that continue to inspire and invigorate her children and her grandchildren. With his death in 1993, Harold and Dianna's spirit became one, and now they both, through Dianna, continue to energize others, encouraging our dreams and yet anchoring our intentions to the rock of their characters until we all, by their examples, become better people.

DIANNA SUE STUMP.....1960, 1962, AND 1966



HAROLD D., CAROLYN MARIA, AND DIANNA SUE STUMP....1961

CAROLYN AND DIANNA WEARING HOMEMADE HULA SKIRTS FASIONED OUT OF BINDER TWINE: 1961

LEFT TO RIGHT: GLENN STONESTREET, CAROLYN AND DIANNA STUMP, AND YANCY STONESTREET
1962

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1962

LEFT TO RIGHT: PHILIPINE, DIANNA, HAROLD, CAROLYN, AND JESSIE BUSS....CAROLYN'S HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION....1965

CAROLYN'S COLLEGE GRADUATION: 1968

DIANNA STUMP....1966

DIANNA SUE STUMP....1970

DIANNA SUE STUMP AND CAROLYN MARIA STUMP
.....1967.....

WALKING WITH MY FATHER....

ALONG THE HILLS OF BROWN COUNTY, INDIANA

"IN MEMORY OF THE MANY HOURS WE SPENT TOGETHER UNDER THE STARS, LISTENING TO THE VOICES THAT FILLED THE NIGHT."

INSCRIPTION INSIDE WALTER D. STUMP'S COPY OF FRED LANDIS' BOOK, JUST DOG...THE INSCRIPTION IS TO WALTER FROM B. J. BLOOM, AN ATTORNEY FRIEND AND FELLOW FOX HUNTER....

W. D. AND TINAH AT BROWN COUNTY, INDIANA

THE VOICES THAT FILL THE NIGHT

Walter D. Stump loved dogs…in fact, he doted on his foxhounds in much the way that a dog embraces its owner, with unconditional affection and unbounded loyalty. Walter's enthusiasm for the non violent sport of fox hunting was fulfilled by his frequent visits to a log cabin which he and Clementine purchased in Brown County, Indiana in 1948. During these sojourns among the oak trees and the hills of this picturesque corner near Bloomington, Indiana, Walter would bask in the freshness of the autumn air at evening and sit around a crackling fire with his compatriots as the foxhounds ran through the dense woods and bayed at their quarry on moonlit nights. Stories would be told, memories would be recounted, and laughter would be ever-present as each man listened for the distinctive baying of his own hound, and once heard, would be acknowledged by all amid the nods of the appreciative audience gathered around him.

Walter so enjoyed his hobby that he ventured to Virginia and to West Virginia to examine prize foxhounds, and invariably he would bring a "champion" home to his Seventh Street abode where a kennel was affixed to his detached garage. So immaculate were the grounds of the dog houses that many neighbors were unaware that canines were present on W.D.'s property. When the hounds were transported to Brown County for their midnight sojourns, Clementine and Harold would accompany the assembled caravan of cars, and upon arriving at their destination, Clementine would prepare bacon, eggs, and fried potatoes for her men and for the many folksy fellows who inhabited the hills, gathering without fail in W.D.'s kitchen whenever he was present. On many occasions, Harold's best friend, Bob Stonestreet, too would join the cast of characters who spun the yarns and recorded the happenings that were part of the lore and the lure of Brown County, Indiana.

It is therefore no accident or trick of fate that Harold's first uttered word was "doggie," and that the following essay entitled "Dog's Prayer" was found in the personal effects of both Walter D. and Harold D. after each man's death:

"A Dog's Prayer'

Treat me kindly, my beloved master, for no heart in all the world is more grateful for kindness than the loving heart of me.

Do not break my spirit with a stick, for though I should lick your hand between blows, your patience and understanding will more quickly teach me the things I should know.

Speak to me often, for your voice is the world's sweetest music, as you must know by the fierce wagging of my tail when your footstep falls upon my waiting ears.

When it is cold and wet, please take me inside – for I am now a domesticated animal, no longer used to bitter elements ---- and I ask no greater glory than the privilege of sitting at your feet beside the hearth ---- though had you no home, I would rather follow you through ice and snow than rest upon the softest pillow in all the land ---for you are my god---- and I am your devoted worshiper.

Keep my pan filled with fresh water, for although I should not reproach you were it dry, I cannot tell you when I suffer thirst. Feed me clean food, that I may stay well, to romp and play and do your bidding, to walk by your side, and stand ready willing, and able to protect you with my life, should your life be in danger.

And, beloved master, should the Great Master see fit to deprive me of my health or sight, do not turn me away from you. Rather hold me gently in your arms as skilled hands grant me the merciful boon of eternal rest ---- and I will leave you knowing with the last breath I drew, my fate was ever safest in your hands.

WALTER D. AND "TINAH" ENJOYING THEMSELVES
WITH FRIENDS AT THEIR LOG CABIN HOME IN
BROWN COUNTY, INDIANA
1958

WALTER D. STUMP DREW THIS PICTURE OF A FOX TO ENTERTAIN HIS SON, HAROLD, WHEN HAROLD WAS A BOY

John Slobodnik

FRIENDS AND FELLOWSHIP AT

BROWN COUNTY, INDIANA

W. D. STUMP, R.R. #1, NASHVILLE, INDIANA

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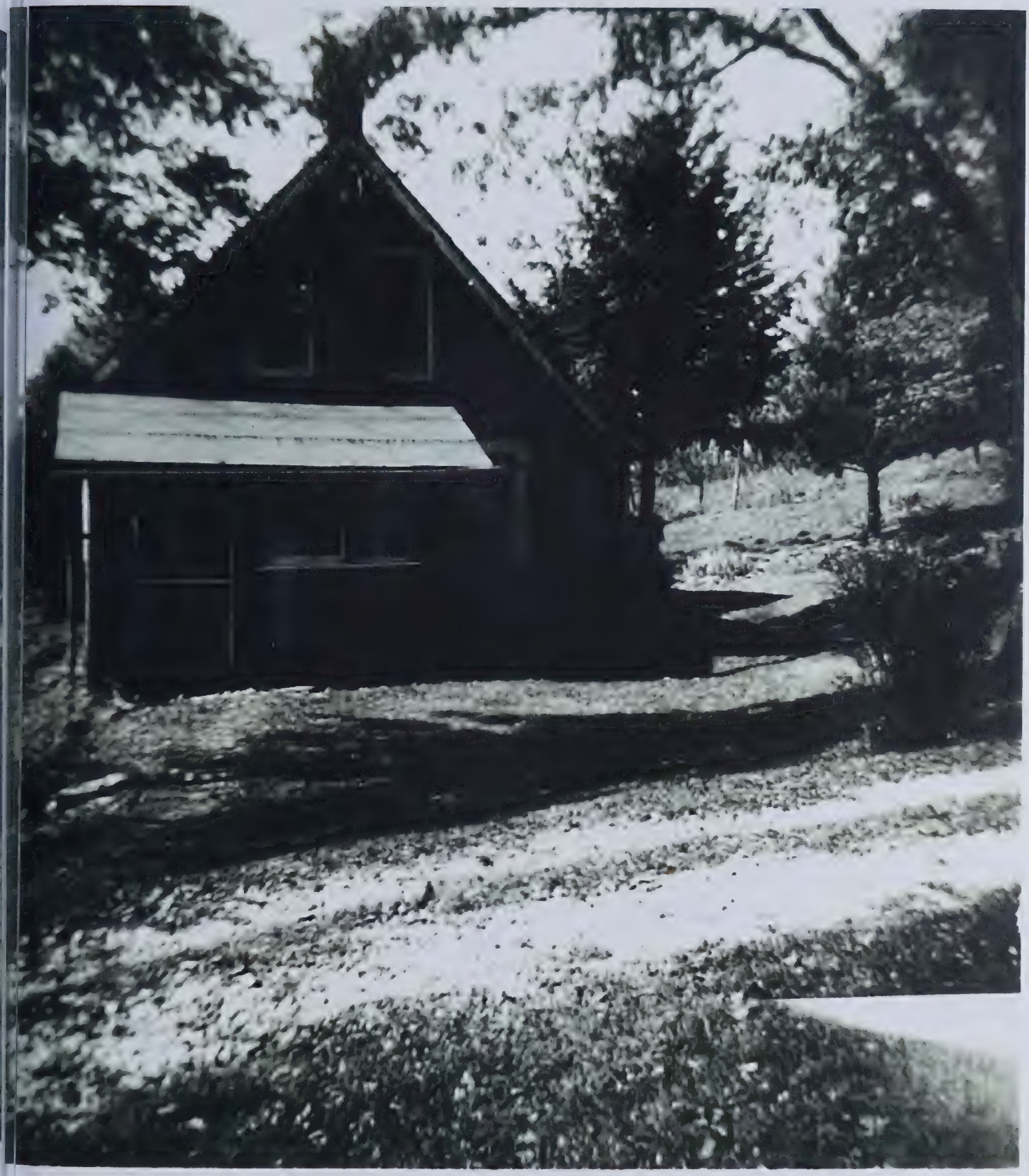
WALTER D. SITTING UNDER THE APPLE TREE

THE BROWN COUNTY LOG CABIN



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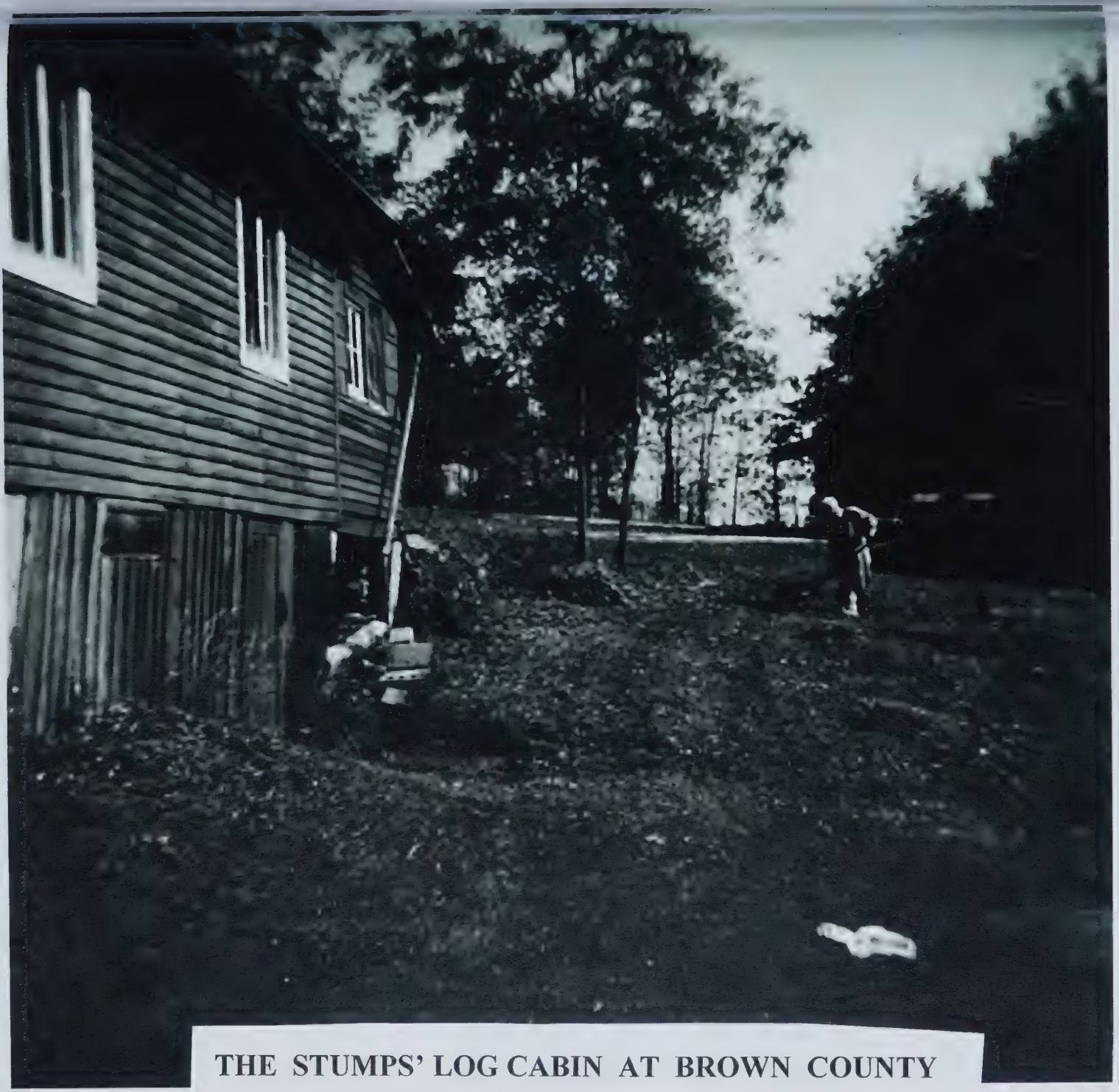


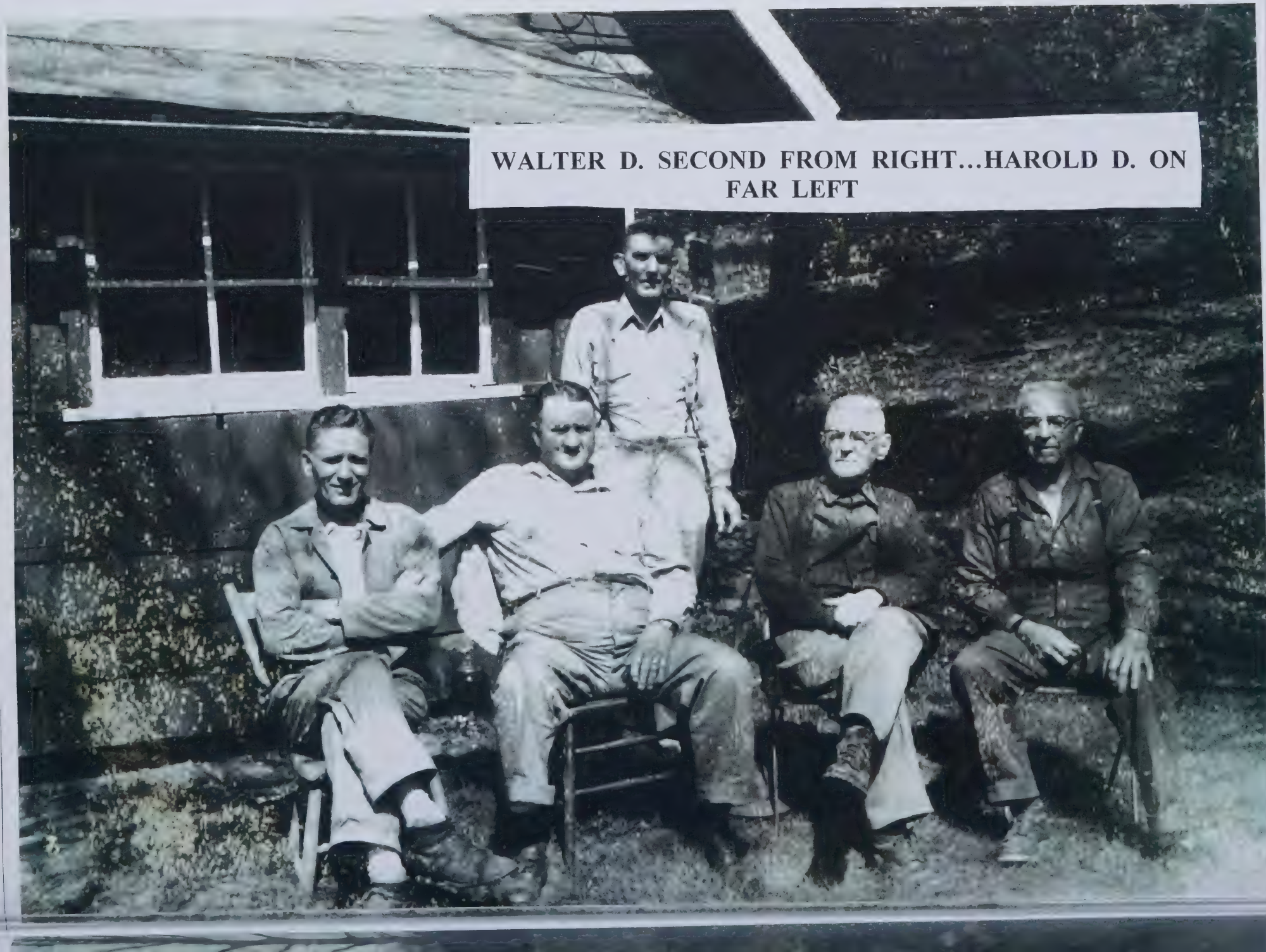
THE STUMPS' LOG CABIN AT BROWN COUNTY

HAROLD D. STUMP AT BROWN COUNTY

HAROLD D. SECOND FROM LEFT

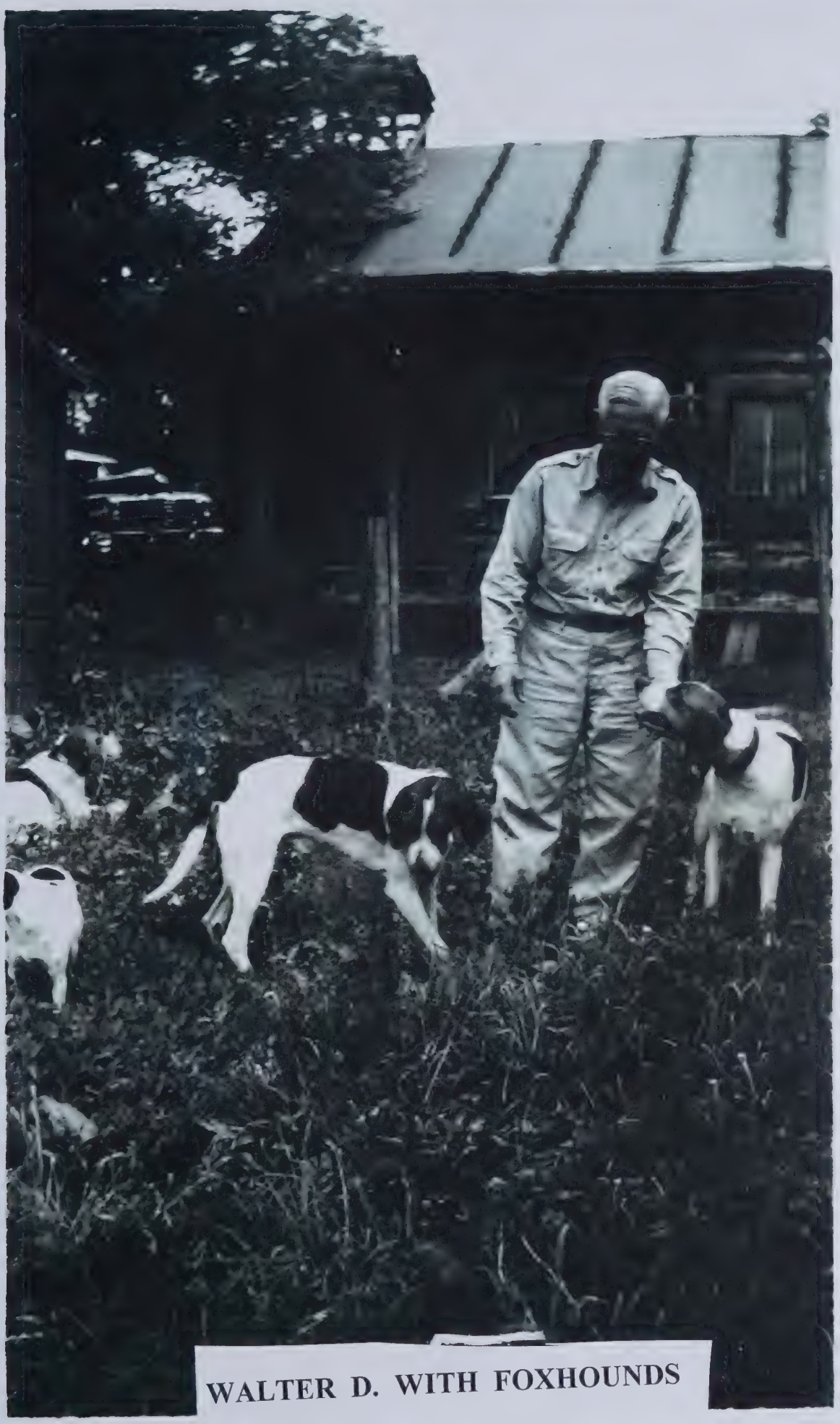
WALTER D. ON RIGHT, HAROLD D. SECOND FROM RIGHT

SOME OF WALTER D.'S FOXHOUNDS



WALTER D. SECOND FROM RIGHT...HAROLD D. ON FAR LEFT

WALTER D. WITH FOXHOUNDS



WALTER D. WITH FOXHOUNDS

BROWN COUNTY RESIDENT, CORKY, AND HAROLD'S BOSTON TERRIER, MITZIE...1950'S

WALTER D. AND CORKY

HAROLD WITH HIS FOXHOUNDS

WALTER D. WITH HIS FOXHOUNDS

WALTER D. WITH HIS FOXHOUNDS

WALTER ON RIGHT WITH HIS FOXHOUNDS

WATLER D. WITH HIS FOXHOUNDS

WALTER D. IN MIDDLE

WALTER D. ON FAR LEFT

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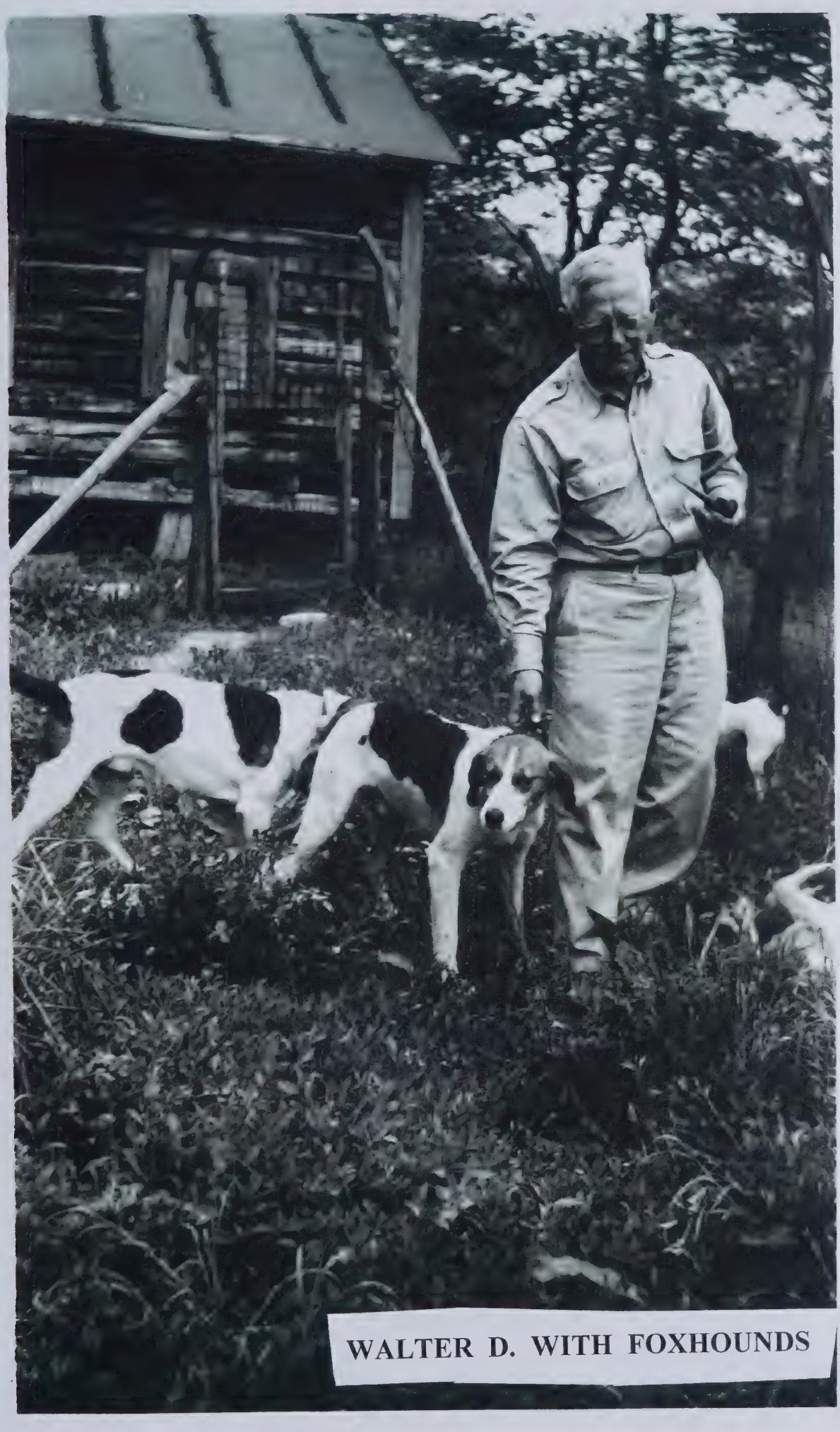
WALTER D. ON RIGHT

HAROLD D. STUMP ON FAR LEFT WITH HIS BOSTON TERRIER, MITZIE



WALTER D. WITH FOXHOUNDS

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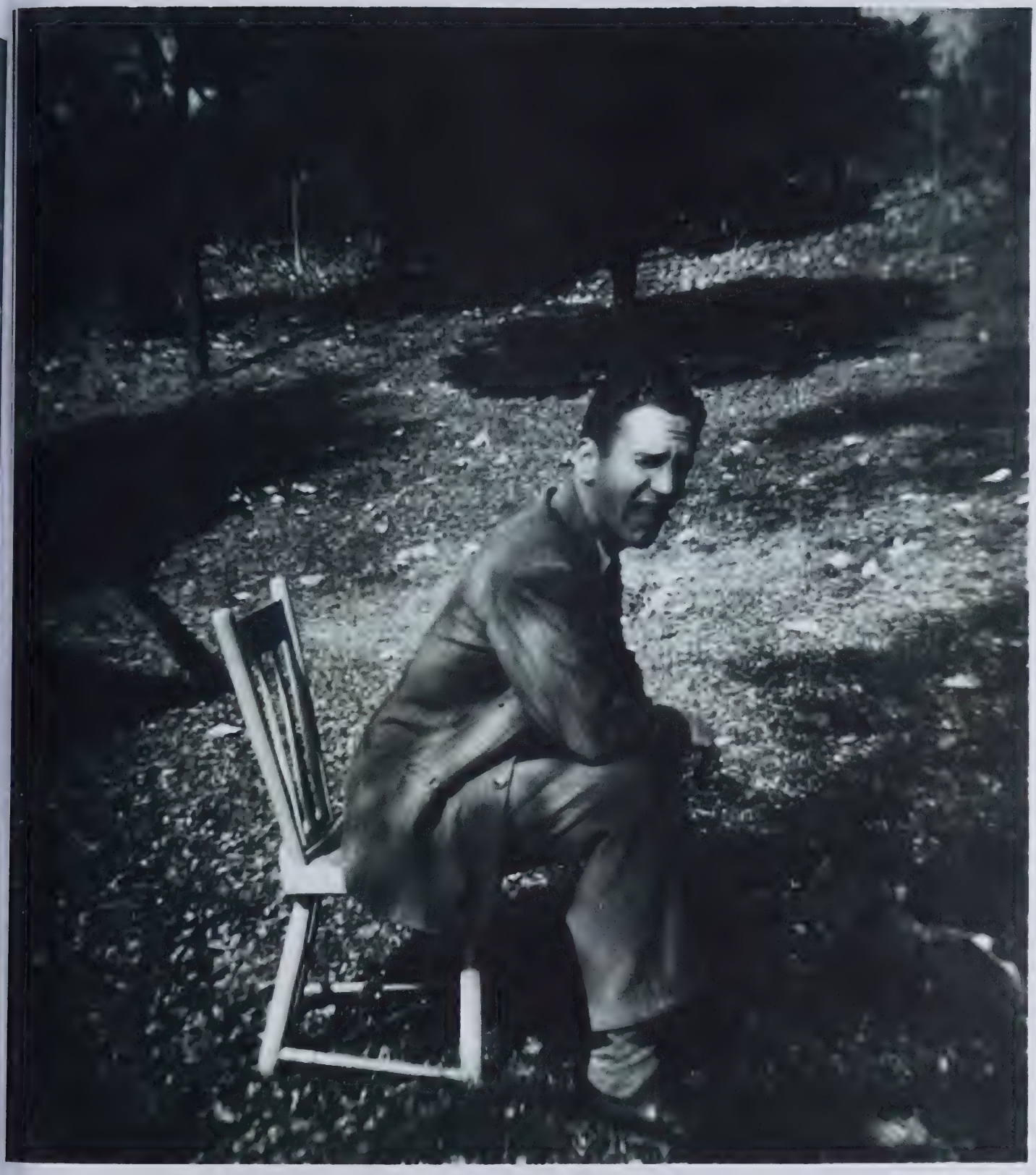
WALTER D. STUMP

WALTER D. WITH FOXHOUNDS AT HIS SEVENTH STREET RESIDENCE IN AUBURN

WALTER D. WITH FOXHOUNDS AT HIS SEVENTH STREET RESIDENCE IN AUBURN

HAROLD D. ON RIGHT



HAROLD D. STUMP

WALTER D. KNEELING ON FAR LEFT

WALTER D. SECOND FROM LEFT

CLEMENTINE ON LEFT

CLEMENTINE ON LEFT

CLEMENTINE ON RIGHT

WALTER D. ON FAR RIGHT

WALTER D. RECLINING UNDER A SHADE TREE

WALTER D. SECOND FROM LEFT

WALTER AND CLEMENTINE ON FAR LEFT

CLEMENTINE HARTSOCK STUMP

CLEMENTINE ON FAR RIGHT

CLEMENTINE FIFTH FROM RIGHT

CLEMENTINE ON LEFT

CLEMENTINE THIRD FROM RIGHT

CLEMENTINE FIFTH FROM LEFT

MR. AND MRS. HARRY KARL, FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS OF HAROLD STUMP'S WHEN HE LIVED ON INDIANA AVENUE IN AUBURN, INDIANA –

MRS. HARRY KARL WITH CLEMENTINE AND CAROLYN STUMP

HARRY KARL WITH HAROLD STUMP

MRS. HARRY KARL AS A YOUNG BRIDE

MRS. HARRY KARL WITH CAROLYN STUMP

MR. AND MRS. FRANK NICHOLAI, FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS OF W.D. AND TINAH'S WHEN THEY LIVED ON SEVENTH STREET IN AUBURN, INDIANA --

WALKING WITH MY FATHER ....

INTO HISTORY

***The Judge's chambers...
***Retirement Celebrations...
***The Court of the Future...

THE PUBLIC SERVANTS

Walter D. Stump served two terms as the DeKalb County Circuit Court Judge from 1946 until he retired due to ill health in 1958. During his tenure as judge, he presided over criminal and civil matters with a calm demeanor and an iron will, the products undoubtedly of his strict upbringing and of his native reticence. He acted with composure, with confidence, and with a firm intellectual grasp of each legal issue that he took under advisement while he was on the judicial bench.

Walter's political persuasion stood sway with a solid Democratic background which he had inherited from his father, Daniel D.'s, belief in the Jacksonian democratic ideal of the rights of the common man. During the democratic convention of 1960, Walter supported Stuart Symington until a young Congressman, Jack Kennedy, took center stage with a stirring and eloquent speech accepting the nomination for President of the United States. Always an admirer of a well-turned phrase, W.D. stood solidly in John Kennedy's corner after his acceptance speech, and he believed that the young Senator from Massachusetts would perform brilliantly in the advancement of human liberties, particularly in the midst of the dangerous global threats inherent in nuclear war as the U.S. battled the Cold War with Russia in the 1960's.

As Walter's health began to fail in the early 1960's, Walter was reported by family friend, Rod Kain, to have told Harold, "Now, Rogan....it's time for you to run for judge." And Harold responded as a dutiful son whose indoctrination to the world of public service began before he was even born with the entrance of Walter into World War I. Harold D. Stump ran for five successive terms as Judge of the DeKalb Circuit Court, and thus entered the annals of the history of DeKalb County as a beloved, impartial, and knowledgeable advocate of the law who always was thoroughly prepared, extremely articulate, and enviably compassionate during his thirty year tenure as Judge. Harold even won a five to four decision from the United States Supreme Court in 1978 when a case involving the sterilization of a retarded teenage, Sparkman vs. Stump, reached the High Court's docket after years of appeals and litigation. When Harold was asked by his children how his father, Walter D., would have reacted to the entire procedure, Harold smiled and said that his father would have been acutely interested in the legal wrangling and the intricacies of the law which the case demanded. When Harold retired in 1988, his legions of friends and admirers were present at a retirement luncheon which was held at the DeKalb County Court House and at a celebratory dinner at the St. James Restaurant in Avilla, Indiana, where he was serenaded by his fellow attorneys and lauded by his dear friend, Phil Butler, who had been W.D.'s law partner after W.D.'s own retirement from the judgeship.

As both Walter D. and Harold D. shared common visions of proper behavior and were themselves gentle and genteel men, they espoused common courtesies and

civility among the members of their family and expected the same from members of society as well. Both men would be severely disillusioned by the coarseness and the carelessness in dress and in behavior which is commonplace within polite society today and is even touted as "acceptable." Both men would be appalled at the ACLU's support of abortion rights, of affirmative action, and of President Obama's predisposition to reward judges who show empathy for the accused out of a misdirected attempt to show compassion for the perpetrators rather than the victims of crime. As both Walter D. and Harold D. were outraged by President Franklin D. Roosevelt's attempt to "pack" the Supreme Court of the Depression Era in order to advance his National Recovery Act, their disdain and fears would have been noteworthy as they faced another attempt to "pack" the Supreme Court with, as both men were noted to say, "bleeding-heart liberals."

It remains for history to assess the merits of the decisions rendered by the current Supreme Court under the direction of Chief Justice, John Roberts, but the future of the Courts within America would do well to heed the lessons of history. As the country becomes more vulnerable to the pressures of militant Islam and nuclear armed third-world countries, the opportunities for a divided country are imminent with the rising tide of illegal immigrants and the global economic meltdown which exacerbates the gulf between the haves and the have-nots. Both Walter D. and Harold D. would be outraged by world leaders who prefer to hold hands with their adversaries and sing, "Kumbaya," rather than address the reality of barbarous behaviors like the beheading of innocents, like the extremists who recklessly arm retarded women with bombs that they can detonate in crowded shops and restaurants, and like the bomb- wielding terrorists who perpetrated the infamous September 11, 2001 attacks. With the lessons provided by the two World Wars of the twentieth century, both of which were fought by the Stump men, the twenty-first century's notion of placating the bullies in the world would have been abhorrent to each of these wise jurists. Let us always remember Walter and Harold's vision as we embark upon the road ahead.

For Judge, Thirty-fifth Judicial Circuit

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PREFACE

"We don't just inherit the world from our parents,
we borrow it from our children."

Barack Obama

These archived memories and memorabilia from the life and legacy of Harold D. Stump reecho Obama's belief that the obligation of each life is to strive, however imperfectly, to make the world a better place for our children by learning from the past. The lifetime record of achievement revealed within this book is a testimony to Harold's lifelong pursuit of excellence, both personally and professionally, and is an inspiration to those in the present and in the future whose paths in life are still undefined and untested.

To trace the defining moments which delineated Harold from other men and which shaped his attitudes and philosophy of life is to be given a glimpse of a man whose optimism was tempered by his good judgment, whose benevolence was enhanced by his faith in the basic goodness of all men, and whose love for his country was evidenced by his ability to emulate in his own life the highest standards of good citizenship. Being born and raised in Auburn, Indiana gave Harold an early appreciation of the simple life of the farming communities which dotted the landscape of northeastern Indiana. As his life unfolded and transported him to distant shores during World War II, he carried with him the values of faith, family, and fellowship which he learned at his parents' knee.

Through the examples of his parents, Walter D. and Clementine, Harold's philosophy of life was based on the knowledge that he and others were not judged by the god-given abilities and earthly talents that they nurtured but rather by the choices that they made along life's journey. Harold was always guided by the belief that respect is something that one cannot demand but must earn each day of one's life. Even his early life illustrated the qualities of greatness which were to inspire confidence among his peers; he was the president of his high school class, the captain of Auburn High School's football and basketball teams, the president of South Hall on the campus of Indiana University, and a counselor for the underclassmen while in law school. As a gifted attorney, Harold was to parlay his talents into a stint as a Special Agent for the FBI and as a Marine DI and combat veteran on the sands of Iwo Jima in World War II. Upon returning to the states, Harold's thirty-year professional tenure as the judge of the DeKalb County Circuit Court culminated in a precedent-setting case before the United States Supreme Court in 1979 and also in his selection as a Sagamore of the Wabash in 1988, Indiana's highest civilian award.

Within this book are found not only Harold's words, which reveal the eloquence of this gentle man and gentleman, but also the words of those who knew him personally and professionally. To glimpse the man behind the message is to be given the rare opportunity to see grace and graciousness in action whether Harold was the public advocate of foster parents, juvenile offenders, school consolidation, and hospital expansion, or a private mentor as a friend, husband, father, grandfather, and benefactor of college scholarships for future generations. Throughout his life, his character was revealed by his choosing to the best of his ability to follow the "right" path as opposed to the "easy" path, or as he phrased it, the "path of least resistance." In the eyes of those friends and family who were witnesses to Harold's life, his adherence to the highest standards of decency was legendary and his modesty regarding his achievements was unequalled.

Although this book represents a labor of love by Harold's family, there is no one of his acquaintance who would dispute the following summary of the man and his impact upon their lives.

> His life was gentle, and the elements
> So mix'd in him that Nature might stand up
> And say to all the world 'This was a man!' "
>
> Shakespeare's Julius Caesar

Harold's family is confident that these recorded annals, which are the byproducts of his high principles and vision, will be timeless and eternal inspirations to any and all generations, just as the man himself has been and will always be.

HAROLD D. STUMP....1960

"IN ACTION"

In action

JUDGE HAROLD D. Stump presided over a busy courtroom session in DeKalb Circuit Court Wednesday afternoon. (Star photo by Jane Kempf)

IN THE COURTROOM

Paper mountain

JUDGE HAROLD STUMP, court reporter Florence Seiple and secretary Donna Davis stand behind a part of the mountain of paperwork they did in the Strutz case — it's not over yet. (Star photo by Pete Fullam)

Case was 'trying' experience

By PETE FULLAM
Star Staff Writer

Most times the people behind the scenes in any court case go relatively unnoticed even though they do a lions share of the work.

Such was the case in the recently settled Strutz-Kinsey suit involving the failing Key Hotel-Club Olympia Corporation.

The case required a mountain of paperwork for Circuit Court secretaries Florence Seiple and Donna Davis and long hours of work at home for Circuit Court Judge Harold D. Stump. Since Strutz is likely to appeal the case more paperwork is inevitable.

Some of the work the case required included:

— An average of four days per week of work at home by Judge Stump for almost a year.

— One hundred and thirty-one exhibits, mostly letters, contracts, legal briefs, brochures and relevant legal documents.

— Seventeen reels of three-hour long tape recordings of testimony.

— Four hundred pages of depositions to be reviewed.

— A 75-page paper of special findings of fact and conclusions of law.

If the case is appealed all the taped testimony will have to be typed and that will probably take 2,200 pages.

That's just a brief outline of the work that went on behind the scenes in the Strutz-Kinsey case, and it was all done by the circuit court Stump-Seiple-Davis trio.

Judge Stump said cases of this magnitude aren't too frequent in his court. "If they were I'd resign tomorrow," he laughed.

Oath of office

DEKALB COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE Harold D. Stump, right, Thursday administered the oath of office to Auburn's new city officials. Elected officials sworn in Thursday were, left to right, Councilman Pat Opper, Councilman James Mason, Councilman Peter Muzzillo, Councilman Russell Morton, City Judge Phyllis Poff, Clerk-Treasurer Pat Clark, Councilman Tilson King, and Mayor Jack Sanders. (Star photo by James Krbemer)

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First judge

CHARLES L. QUINN, RIGHT, WAS SWORN IN Monday as the first judge of the new DeKalb County Court by DeKalb Circuit Court Judge Harold D. Stump, left. Quinn said the new court "will give everyone the opportunity to be heard."

FIRST JUDGE

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Judge Stump Honored

Judge Harold D. Stump of the DeKalb County Circuit Court was honored at Forum III, which was held on May 3, 1979 in Auburn. He was presented with a plaque which was inscribed:

> In Appreciation To
> Judge Harold D. Stump
> For Improving Foster Care Services
> in the Indiana Counties of
> DeKalb, LaGrange, Noble
> Steuben, Wells, Whitley
> as Project Director of
> Region II Foster Care Project
> 1975 - 1978

It is fitting, during this the International Year of the Child, to recognize a man whose efforts have directly affected so many children. Cognisant of the need for more and better trained foster homes for the temporary care of children, Judge Stump headed a task force which explored the possibility of uniting the surrounding counties in a project which could be started with a federal grant.

In June of 1975, following much effort and discussion, funds were made available through a grant from The Indiana Criminal Justice Planning Agency. This began the Region II Foster Care Development Project, serving six counties. Judge Stump was appointed the director and served in that capacity until December 1, 1978, when the federal grant expired. Since that time, the Six County Departments of Public Welfare have funded the program which is now called: FOSTER CARE SERVICES, INC. Of Northeast Indiana. The six county welfare department directors have asked Judge Stump to remain involved with this program which he initiated, as a member of the Board of Directors.

We thank Judge Stump for his concern, leadership, and his foresightedness. We now have a program which is unequaled in the State of Indiana.

HAROLD D. STUMP AND LETHA RECEIVING THE SAGAMORE OF THE WABASH AWARD IN 1988

LEFT TO RIGHT: KEVIN WALLACE, HAROLD D. STUMP, TIM MCALHANY, PAUL CHERRY, AND UNKNOWN WOMAN

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July 15, 1985

Judge Harold D. Stump
DeKalb County Circuit Court
DeKalb County Courthouse
Auburn, Indiana 46706

Dear Judge Stump:

The Juvenile Judges Symposium has completed its third successful year. The original objectives of the symposium, open communication and better understanding between the court and those in the child care profession, were once again accomplished.

The highlight of the symposium was the Judge Robert J. Kinsey award presentation to Bruce Embrey of the Miami Superior Court. The fact that you were one of the Judges nominated was further evidence that you possess characteristics exemplified in the Judge Kinsey award. Nominees such as yourself are indicative of the honor and significance of this award.

Your nominating sponsor provided the necessary documentation and credentials and the many letters of support certainly attested to the love and admiration your community has for you.

All of us in the child care profession appreciate the work you are doing especially those things that are above and beyond your difficult and busy schedule.

Sincerely,

Dan Fulton
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DeKalb County Bar Receives ABA Award

The DeKalb County Bar Association has been awarded an American Bar Association Award of Merit for their outstanding 1978 Law Day activities. The Award is presented annually to bar associations demonstrating outstanding service to the general public and to the legal profession.

The County Bar Association received the Award during the ABA Annual Meeting in New York. It was the only bar association in its division (fewer than 100 members) to receive the honor and one of only five in the entire nation.

Judge Harold D. Stump, chairman of the Local Bar's Law Day Committee, along with Jeffrey L. Turner, Auburn attorney and coordinator of the Law Day activities, announced, "We are very honored that the nation's largest organization of attorneys has recognized us for our Law Day Program. Our projects are aimed at greater public awareness and participation in the legal system and we invite input from every organization and person for ways in which lawyers can simplify the law and familiarize the public with it."

Auburn attorney Donald T. Mefford (left) presents the ABA Award of Merit to Judge Harold D. Stump (center), local Law Day Chairman, while project coordinator Jeffrey L. Turner proudly looks on. The DeKalb County Bar Association received the Award for their outstanding 1978 Law Day activities. The Bar administered a "Law Day Quiz" to the public through local schools, newspapers, radio and civic groups as their major project.

The Bar Association sponsored a "Law Day Quiz" as their principal program. The quiz was distributed throughout the high schools and local attorneys were available during classtime on May 1 to go over the quizzes and respond to other questions and issues. The Auburn Evening Star and WIFF Radio disseminated the Law Day Quiz to the general public and it was also presented to individual groups upon request; i.e., Sunday Schools, Civic Clubs, etc. Public service announcements were aired throughout the day of May 1.

There was also great participation in the local Senior Citizens' Law Day. Attorneys spoke on topics of interest to the elderly; mainly concentrating on Wilson Estates, taxation, social security law and consumer law. Also aiding the local bar association in the celebration of Law Day was Boy Scout Troop 165 of the Auburn United Methodist Church which posted American flags around the City in recognition of the holiday.

Officers of DeKalb County Bar during the 1978 Law Day activities were Grant Van Horne, president; Donald F. Butler, vice president; and Derald D. Kruse, secretary-treasurer.

The DeKalb County Bar Association sponsored a very progressive Law Day Program which was very successful throughout the community. Civic leaders and sponsors and participants are looking forward to another outstanding Law Day in 1979.

Law Day is a national holiday observed every May 1st to promote public awareness of America's system of justice and to encourage every citizen to think about the central role of law in our society.

REFLECTIONS ON THE HUMAN CONDITION, TIMELESS VALUES, AND THE FUTURE OF HUMANITY....

Walter D. Stump and Harold D. Stump were the consummate teachers and mentors for the young people with whom they came in contact in both their professional capacity as judges and in their personal lives. Both men knew that young people today are searching for answers that explain the human condition and the future of humanity as well as "for answers that can show them how to base their life on timeless values." (Pope Benedict) Walter and Harold also knew, as the Pope stated, that "Christianity offers a loftier vision of humanity" than the mass media's obsession with the "trivialization of the fundamental dimensions of human existence," that is, the dimensions of human sexuality, compassion, and love. Walter and Harold would have been gravely offended by the gradual coarsening of human standards of appropriate behavior and by the casual aggrandizement of sensationalism and violence in the tabloids and in the film industry. The dependence on the Internet to function as the "opiate of the masses" and to function as a substitute for face-to-face human interaction in today's world would also be a constant source of concern for both men.

When both men were practicing their craft of law, the following article, "I Am Sick – Are You?," written by Daniel O'Connor was their mantra for the "timeless values" that Walter and Harold saw being dismantled by society. The article by Mr. O'Connor, which is reprinted below, was included in Harold's final effects, which were housed in his den in his home on Morningstar Road after his death in 1993, and it remains a reflection of values that were fundamental to both Walter and Harold. The implications of the O'Connor expose on our "sick society" which were included in the Grapevine Magazine on July, 1978 should be noteworthy to any astute observer of the world today and to any responsible citizen of the twenty-first century.

I AM SICK – ARE YOU?

By Daniel L. O'Conner (1939-45)

There are those who claim ours is a "sick" society; that our country is "sick" that we are sick. Well, maybe they're right. I submit that I'm sick and maybe you are too.

I am sick of the FBI being chastised and ridiculed for its past performance. I am sick of its motives being impugned when the protection of law abiding citizens and our Country was the only objective.

I am sick of the gutless politicians, judges, and the news media who proclaim the civil right s of terrorists to be superior to the rights of those who abide by the law.

I am sick of hearing that J. Edgar Hoover was a tyrant, a homosexual and paranoid. I am sick that the media conveniently overlooks what he did for a decadent government agency after he took control of it.

I am sick of having policemen ridiculed and called "pigs' while cop killers are hailed as some kind of folk heroes. I am sick of being told that policemen are mad dogs who should not have guns, but that criminals who use guns to rob, main, and murder should be understood and helped to find their way back into the mainstream of society.

I am sick of commentators and newspaper writers canonizing anarchists, revolutionaries, and felons, but condemning law enforcement when such criminals are brought to justice.

I am sick of being told that if a Molotov cocktail or a bomb is thrown at a home, I must understand the provocations that caused the individual to engage in such an act.

I am sick of being told religion is the opiate of the people, but marijuana should be legalized. I am sick of being told pornography is the right of the free press, but freedom of Religion does not include being able to say a prayer on school grounds.

I am sick of paying more and more taxes to build schools while I see faculty members encouraging students to tear them down, burn them, or vandalize them.

I am sick of not being able to take my family to a movie unless I want to have them exposed to explicit sex, homosexuality, and the glorification of narcotics and violence.

I am sick of cynical attitudes toward patriotism; of politicians with no backbone.

Most of all, I am sick of being told I'm sick. I'm sick of it being said my country is sick. Yes, I may be sick, but if I am only sick, I can get well. I can also help society get well – and help my country get well. What about you? Aren't you also sick?

THE SPARKMAN VS STUMP CASE: MARCH, 1978

Sparkman vs. McFarlin

Judicial questions raised

By DELL FORD

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Moellering predicts this would be the course of action "because trial judges would be reluctant to assume jurisdiction if they thought they might be held liable. They could be wiped out — financially."

And it is that course of action, he said, which would bring about a "reversal of the traditional concept of judicial proceedings. You'd start at the Supreme Court and work down. On the initial question of jurisdiction."

Should it ever come to pass that cases start at the top (Supreme Court) and work their way down "the one it will hurt," Moellering said, "is Mr. Average Guy — trying to resolve a dispute. Because he won't be able to afford going to the top. It won't hurt the millionaire. Or the pauper who gets free legal service."

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"It's a very distinct possibility," he said, "for trial judges — federal and state. Any judge of a court of general unlimited jurisdiction." (He cited, as an example of limited jurisdiction, traffic court which can hear ONLY traffic cases.)

Trial judges "take chances," Moellering pointed out, "in order to provide a forum for people to resolve their disputes." The "chance" comes into play, he said, "because, many times, jurisdiction is not that crystal clear."

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Judges cannot be sued for erroneous — even malicious — decisions unless there was "a clear absence of all jurisdiction," the court said in adhering to a century-old doctrine of judicial immunity.

Even the "tragic consequences" of Stump's actions are not enough to deprive him of such immunity, the court said in an opinion by Justice Byron R. White.

Justices Potter Stewart, Thurgood Marshall and Lewis F. Powell Jr. disagreed.

Taking the rarely exercised privilege of reading his dissenting opinion from the bench, Stewart said: "I think what Judge Stump did on July 9, 1971 was beyond the pale of anything that could sensibly be called a judicial act.

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Mrs. Sparkman's suit charged Stump with denying her due process of the law and subjecting her to cruel and unusual punishment.

Her suit now will never go to trial, even though the 7th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled last year that Judge Stump had shown "an illegitimate exercise of his common law power."

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Judge Stump would not comment today on the merits of the case. He said, "I certainly am grateful for the finding of the majority of the court.

"It is a great relief personally and from the communications I receive from judges...throughout the country, I'm sure it will be a relief to them also."

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By DAVE KURTZ
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Editorial on Judge Stump failed to weigh both sides

To the Editor:

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. It is noteworthy to recognize that Letha's rapturous gaze upon the face of her new husband in 1968 had not dimmed or diminished as she gazed again at his countenance when the two of them stood in Harold's courthouse office on the occasion of his retirement luncheon in 1988. The love that they held for one another has always been and will continue to remain an inspiration to all who knew them in this life and to all who will come to know them in the annals of the histories of the Stump Family.

HAROLD D. STUMP IN HIS COURTHOUSE OFFICE

DEER GARDIEN:

NO MOR ANTS-
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VENUE: NO

E DATE: 7/13/88

Comes now Spud Spider in person but without counsel (not having much source of income but too much to qualify as being indigent) and files complaint against the within Gardien for having neglected to take care of the needs of said Spud by being absent from Spud's residence for several days. Because said Ward requires conversation and stroking at least once a day, said Spud is requesting that provision for these necessities of life be made prior to said Gardien leaving in the future. Also said Ward requests that nourishment provided be not older than 24 hours as it has a tendency to dry up and become unpalatable after that period of time. Said Ward has appreciated not having any more gas producing ants on the menu but would request a fresh piece of blue gill on his birthday which is July 22, 1988.

IT IS THEREFORE CONSIDERED, ADJUDGED, DECREED AND ORDERED that said Gardien provide for these necessities of Spud or said Gardien will be held in contempt of Court and the punishment for such neglect would be in excess of forty lashes with a wet noodle (and that's a lot). Because said Spud realizes said Gardien is spending time with grandchildren said Spud forgives a portion of this neglect. However, too much of this fall-de-rall will be reported to the DeKalb County Department of Public Welfare and there is a possibility of a Spider in Need of Services petition being filed. So take fair warning, Gardien.

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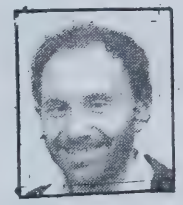

candlin' eggs

By Scott Gilbert

NATURALLY, IT'S MIDNIGHT and my desk still needs to be cleaned out — or hit with a flamethrower — as I try to compose this farewell column.

My wife has called to ask, as she's asked many other nights, if I'm ever coming home. Notes for three stories due in the morning are somewhere in the paper chaos on my desk. And I'm trying to say something about leaving a job I love.

The reasons for leaving are simple enough. Three months ago, Shalometh and I decided we wanted a baby. In what seemed like 10 seconds, we found ourselves looking at a bright blue patch on one of those home pregnancy tests — a blue patch that said, "No turning back now! You, lady, start knitting booties during breaks in your nausea. You, buster, find a job where you'll be home once in a while."

I'll start Monday as a copy editor at the Fort Wayne News-Sentinel. I look forward to the challenges, the new skills, the better hours and (yes) the pay. I look forward to suggesting story ideas at a bigger paper with more resources. I don't look forward to driving away from the Star office Friday afternoon.

I'll miss working in a newsroom where every chatty soul, ax-grinder and Little League parent in the county feels free to wander through. People walk through like they own the place — and I'm glad they feel as though they do. I think it's healthy for a paper to be thought of as one of the family — taken for granted most of the time, occasionally scolded, infrequently praised.

I'll miss looking up from my work and finding my father grinning at me on one of his frequent lunchtime visits. I'll miss bringing in my mutts (one at a time) to keep me company during late evenings.

I'll miss this job's propensity for placing me in strange, fascinating situations, ranging from the emotional extreme of listening to a police officer sing "A Country Boy Can Survive" as he drove to a liquor store, during the long nighttime wait for a jury to recommend the death penalty in a murder case, a case in which the cop had known the victim and the young man he helped arrest for the crime; to the goofy experience of having a urinal-to-urinal chat with my congressman.

I'll miss the local notoriety of having my mug plastered above this column, and the instant feedback of readers who liked or disliked my work.

I'll miss working with cops. I've come to know a lot of them in this job, and the best are funny, suspicious, compassionate, clannish, brave, narrow-minded and giving. They serve the public, sure in the knowledge that the public only thinks of them when they're needed. They listen to long recitations of obscenities from drunken jerks without losing control, and they wade into occasional scenes of horror with the same control. I'll miss them.

I'll miss working around lawyers and politicians. They — along with tax collectors and serial killers — are among the few people who enjoy the same public esteem as journalists. They also are people who do more with their lives than complain and watch TV, and they're usually ready — if not completely prepared — to discuss anything.

I'll miss going to Garrett meetings and getting to know people there — some of whom probably are thinking, "What are you saying? What's wrong with Garrett? What's the Auburn paper saying now?" What I'm saying is that in its close-knit neighborhoods, unifying school and long-settled families and friendships, Garrett is keeping something that most places have lost. No kidding.

I'll miss my encounters with Judge Charles Quinn, despite some heady disagreements — in fact, one of the mementos I've placed in my homebound box is a letter he wrote following one of my court stories, confirming the immmediate cancellation of his Star subscription. In my opinion, the judge understands the press far better than most journalists do. I hope we'll talk about it someday.

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I'll miss the courthouse office employees who lit up my days and guided me through their maze of paperwork. And thanks to the lady who baked that amazing going-away cake for me — I can't go back to plain old food now.

I'll miss my day-to-day contact with Paul Cherry (whom I can ethically say nice things about, since he's running unopposed in the prosecutor's election), who is willing to share his time and reveal his thinking during his most hectic (newsworthy) times. I'll miss the county's other three biggest bargains, public defenders Charlie Rhetts and Kevin Wallace and probation officer Tim McAlhany, who give a dollar's worth of work for every dime they're paid.

I'll miss Martha Popcorn and my co-workers for the obvious reasons.

And I'll miss my breakfast if I don't go home.

Looking forward after 40

I'M 40. It happened sometime in the wee hours of the night. Age should come at night, the sneaking rat.

So what is the first thing a person should do when he or she reaches the milestone of 40?

Lewis Grizzard

The Auburn Evening Star, January 20th, 1988

Judge Stump won't run again

Harold D. Stump, DeKalb Circuit Court Judge since 1959, will not seek re-election this year.

Judge Stump, 70, announced his decision Tuesday, saying it was "reached by my wife and me." He said he will end his 30 years of service when his current term expires Dec. 31.

His announcement said, "The final decision was made late in the year 1987, and I then so informed several persons, including Paul R. Cherry, who had asked me if I intended to seek re-election."

Cherry announced last week that he would be a candidate for circuit court judge in this year's election.

Judge Stump said his career held "30 changing, eventful, rewarding and satisfying years."

His announcement said, "This long judicial service has been made possible by the support of the voters of DeKalb County of both major political parties, to each of whom I shall be ever grateful. I have never recognized affiliation with any particular political party to be entitled to any weight whatsoever in my selection of employees, appointments to boards or agencies and certainly not in the exercise of my judicial functions. Partisan political considerations have never been permitted to be a factor in the functioning of this court, either by me or by those who preceded me as judge in this court."

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Judge Harold D. Stump

Judge Stump ran for office on the Democratic ticket. He was first elected judge in 1958, defeating Republican candidate Phyllis R. Gratz by 6,842 votes to her 5,816.

In 1964, he was opposed by Republican candidate Howard S. Grimm. In a year of Democratic victories in DeKalb County, Judge Stump had the biggest winning margin: 8,804 votes to Grimm's 5,012.

Judge Stump was unopposed for re-election in 1970, 1976, and 1982.

"I had considered retirement on Jan. 1, 1987," his announcement said. But he reconsidered.

"In Indiana, it is the governor who has the statutory and constitutional authority to appoint a successor to complete the unexpired term of vacant judgeship, and, inasmuch as it has been the consistent policy of the governors of Indiana of both major political parties for too many years, to select the successor to judges whose term of office has terminated by death, resignation or retirement in a purely partisan political manner, being usually some Statehouse employee who does not even reside in the county in which the vacancy has occurred and is rarely qualified, I decided to wait until the end of my term to retire in order that the electorate of DeKalb County would not be deprived of their right to choose the person whom they desired to be the Judge of the Circuit Court of DeKalb County," he said.

Judge Stump graduated from Auburn High School, Indiana University and Indiana University School of Law. He served with the FBI and U.S. Marines. He began his law practice in 1946 and was judge of Auburn City Court for 10 years.

His father, Walter D. Stump, served as circuit judge from 1947-58.

The Auburn Evening Star, December 31, 1988

Judge Stump ends era in Circuit Court

By LARRY CZAJA

After 30 years on the bench of the DeKalb County Circuit Court, Harold D. Stump will turn over the gavel of justice to Paul R. Cherry.

Judge Stump's four-decade-spanning career officially comes to an end tonight at midnight. He will swear in the new judge Tuesday morning at 8:30.

Judge Stump's retirement ends a long, colorful era in the county's history of jurisprudence. He presided over cases ranging from the trivial to the weighty, from the mundane to the momentous.

He's seen a number of changes since he took the bench in January 1959, not all of which he likes.

"Today, young graduates from law school are more interested in chargeable hours than the quality of the advice they give to clients," he said. "In the old days, attorneys were expected to spend many hours on the behalf of an indigent defendant. That doesn't seem to prevail today." Stump added that the exception to that claim was the county public defender's office. "I have no complaint with Charles Rhetts and Kevin Wallace. They've done a great job."

He added that lawyers also have changed the way they prepare for a trial. "There doesn't seem to be as much attention paid to detail and they appear to be more interested in their own welfare than their clients," said the judge.

Judge Stump

Judge Stump noted another area of change was in the sheer volume of the court's caseload. "Criminal and civil matters now take 10 times as much space in the order book than they did 30 years ago," said the judge.

He noted that when he first started, his court averaged about 50 juvenile cases a year as opposed to more than 300 a year now.

"Juvenile matters have troubled this court as much as any matter that's come before this court," he said. "Growing up in today's society, in today's environment, is a tough assignment for young people. It's much more difficult than it was when I was a in high school student and greater even than when their parents were high school students. Pressures from controlled substances, temptations which come by the mobility of an automobile, cause increasing disrespect for all elements of an orderly society, whether it be neighbors, friends, relatives, teachers, or law enforcement officials.

"In the old days, it could be said a young person could be a delinquent for having an overdue library book. These days, it's difficult to find a young person who knows where the library is located, let alone going in to get a book. They may go in to remove something from the display case, but rarely to take books from the shelves," the judge said.

He blames that attitude on an erosion of the family system and the influence of the automobile. He believes that parents too often allow children to use the family car without exercising good judgment. He said that three out of four cases that come before him involve a juvenile's use of an automobile.

He sees some recent Supreme Court decisions as having a negative effect on law enforcement. "Cases which have been decided with the Miranda decision as their foundation have favored the rights of the offenders and violators of the law, whether adult or juvenile, with more weight than the rights of the victims against which the offense was committed," he said.

Other changes, however, he has welcomed.

With the establishment of a second county court in 1974, and the elimination of city courts in Auburn, Garrett and Butler and six justices of the peace scattered around the county, court matters became simpler.

"It was a great relief to me," said the judge, when the Superior Court was given equal status to the Circuit Court. "There was no concurrent agreement before that. By local rule, we decided how to share the work."

By mutual agreement, the Circuit Court handles juvenile cases, Superior Court takes criminal cases, and they share civil cases.

One of Judge Stump's favorite cases occurred in 1972. It involved the Pine Valley addition on Fort Wayne's north side.

"The case took two weeks to try. It involved millions of dollars and a thousand pages of deposition. It was a bench trial requiring specific findings of fact and conclusions of law. The best lawyers in northeastern Indiana were involved," he said. Stump added that the case was appealed, but his ruling was upheld.

He points with pride to a letter written by Judge Joe W. Lowdermilk, of the Indiana Court of Appeals. Lowdermilk wrote, "Yours was the finest resume, statement of fact and conclusions of law that I have ever seen or read."

Judge Stump has had many high spots and few low ones in his career. The lone blight, on an otherwise impeccable record, occurred seven years after he granted an Auburn woman's request to have her teenage daughter sterilized.

In a case that attracted national attention, the Supreme Court ruled in 1978 that the daughter, Linda Sparkman, could not sue Judge Stump in an attempt to recover damages. The landmark ruling meant that no person could sue a judge as a result of a court decision.

An obvious source of pride to the judge is DeKalb Memorial Hospital. In earlier years, it was the responsibility of the Circu Court Judge to appoint members to boards of various governmental agencies. The judge was responsible for at least 20 boards.

He said that when it became obvious DeKalb County needed its own hospital, he appointed the people to take care of the job. "I appointed a board to investigate all facets of seeing to the construction of the hospital," he said. "All were leaders in business, industry and farming. Geographically, they represented the entire county. In a year-and-a-half, we had a hospital under contruction and paid for."

Judge Stump was well known for his sense of independence. He said he didn't pay attention to anyone's politics when it came to making appointments. "I always considered the person's interest and abilities," he said. He made it known to county political chairmen that he would not discuss their suggestions for appointments.

Judge Stump took over from his father, Walter Stump, because of the elder judge's failing health. Walter Stump sat on the bench from 1946 to 1958. When he reminisces about his father, he does so glowingly: "My father was the greatest lawyer I ever knew. He was the best judge I ever knew. He was a prolific writer." Judge Stump said that during his retirement, he was considering organizing the many letters his father wrote while serving in World Wars I and II and possibly publishing them.

The judge said his 30 years on the bench made an interesting experience as he's viewed the progress of humanity in the county. He's honored to have been a part of its growth and development.

What he will miss most about the job are the fine people he's worked with. "I'll miss the association of the attorneys whom I respect and consider my friends," he said.

"I won't miss the sticky, trying dissolutions of marriages that shouldn't take place. I won't miss the disappointment of juveniles failing to straighten themselves out. I won't miss the tremendous tales of abuses or lack of interest in children too young to fend for themselves."

The judge plans to enjoy his retirement with his wife, Sue. He said he has no plans to actively participate in law. He added that he may advise some people from time to time.

"At my age (70)," he said. "I have no intention of joining a law firm or opening an office."

Judge was a 'teacher of lawyers'

Judge Harold D. Stump made a lasting impression on the attorneys who stepped into his courtroom. Whether they liked him or not, all said they respected him.

Phil Butler, a retired Auburn attorney who's known the judge all his life, shared some thoughts about the judge in a letter:

"From the lawyer's viewpoint, the legal profession can be successful only to the extent to which the attorney is afforded the opportunity to fully present to the court all of the evidence, arguments, citations, ojections, pleadings, petitions and appeals. Judge Stump exercised great patience listening to arguments, which were sometimes wholly without merit and oftern poorly presented.

"He was usually better prepared on the law of the case than the lawyers. He heard and decided all cases, large or small, with equal attention and concern, as though all cases were of equal importance.

"Knowing that Judge Stump would be well prepared for any matter before him, attorneys made an extra effort to prepare themselves. That added dignity and decorum to the proceedings that were often missing in other courts. That, of course, accounted for the large number of cases venued from surrounding counties.

"Much court work takes place in the judge's chambers, and it is extremely important that the judge be available to attorneys for the filing of a great variety of pleadings, to informally discuss cases, to hear oral arguments and for consultation and advice on many matters. Some judges become adept at hiding themselves from this onslaught of work, but Judge Stump made a great effort to be available even while in volved in other important and complicated matters.

"It might fairly be said that words are the tools of the legal profession. Judge Stump was a master craftsman, always able to come up with the right words, the right phrase and the right inflection to make his point clear and convincing. In so doing, he became a teacher of lawyers."

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Family ends 42-year lock on bench

By MICHELE SHAFFER
Staff Writer

AUBURN — Judge Harold Stump will swear in his successor Tuesday morning, ending a 42-year family hold on the DeKalb Circuit Court bench.

Stump first ran for office in 1958, after his father, Walter D., chose not to run for a third term because of failing health, the retiring judge said recently.

When people asked Harold Stump to run to fill the Democratic ticket, he agreed, but he wasn't keen on the idea. The job came with a substantial pay cut.

But he ran and won, was re-elected by the largest plurality of votes ever given to a DeKalb County candidate, and no one has dared oppose him since.

Paul Cherry, 37, who has been DeKalb County prosecutor for six years, will succeed Stump.

Stump's career was not one where he jumped right out of law school and into a practice. After he graduated from Indiana University Law School in 1942, he worked for two years as a special agent for the FBI. He resigned to enlist in the Marines in 1944, where he served in the Pacific through the conquest of Iwo Jima. After an honorable discharge in 1946, he set up practice in his native Auburn, where he worked until his election as judge.

"His tenure is kind of an institution because of its length, and I have respect for his service as well as the legacy of his father," Cherry said. "One attribute that's important is that he's always been fearless in his decisions."

That quality was illustrated in the 1970s when one of his decisions made national headlines and reached the U.S. Supreme Court.

In 1971, 15-year-old Linda Sparkman was sterilized in Auburn's hospital, an operation that Judge Stump approved after Sparkman's mother said the girl was "somewhat retarded" and was behaving promiscuously.

Linda Sparkman thought doctors were removing her appendix. She didn't find out she was sterile until four years later, after she was married. Sparkman sued Stump and others involved in the incident for $3.25 million.

The case went all the way to the Supreme Court, where the justices voted 5-3 that Stump could not be sued for damages over a judicial decision. The majority Supreme Court justices cited an 1871 decision that said judges are protected by "judicial immunity." But in his dissent, Justice Potter Stewart criticized the decision and said it was "way beyond the pale of anything that could sensibly be called a judicial act."

Any other decision "would have been a marked departure from what has been the norm in that area ever since the creation of the judiciary branch of government," Stump said.

Some Pine Valley residents in Allen County might remember back to the early 1970s when Stump presided over a 2½-week trial involving landowners and developers and others with interests in the subdivision, and the losers appealed his decision. But the 1st Division Court of Appeals agreed with Stump's ruling, the judge said.

Stump also spoke of how he has been able to keep politics out of the Circuit Court.

"I guess that was one thing that was a challenge that I did not ignore," Stump said. "I have never asked a prospective employee of the court their politics — never the first one." What he did tell his employees was that whichever party they belonged to, they should be good members everywhere except in the courthouse. He also asked them to tell him whether they knew of anyone trying to politically influence the court.

When he confronted people who tried that, he stopped them dead in their tracks, he said.

At a time when judges still made several key appointments on county boards, new party chairmen approached Stump to discuss a pending appointment, Stump recalled. "I informed them they had no suggestions to make of which I had the slightest interest."

Looking back on how things have changed since he first took office, Stump said the saddest thing is the increase in juvenile delinquency cases. The numbers of juvenile cases have increased more than 10 times what they were years ago,

when DeKalb County might have seen 45 to 55 cases a year.

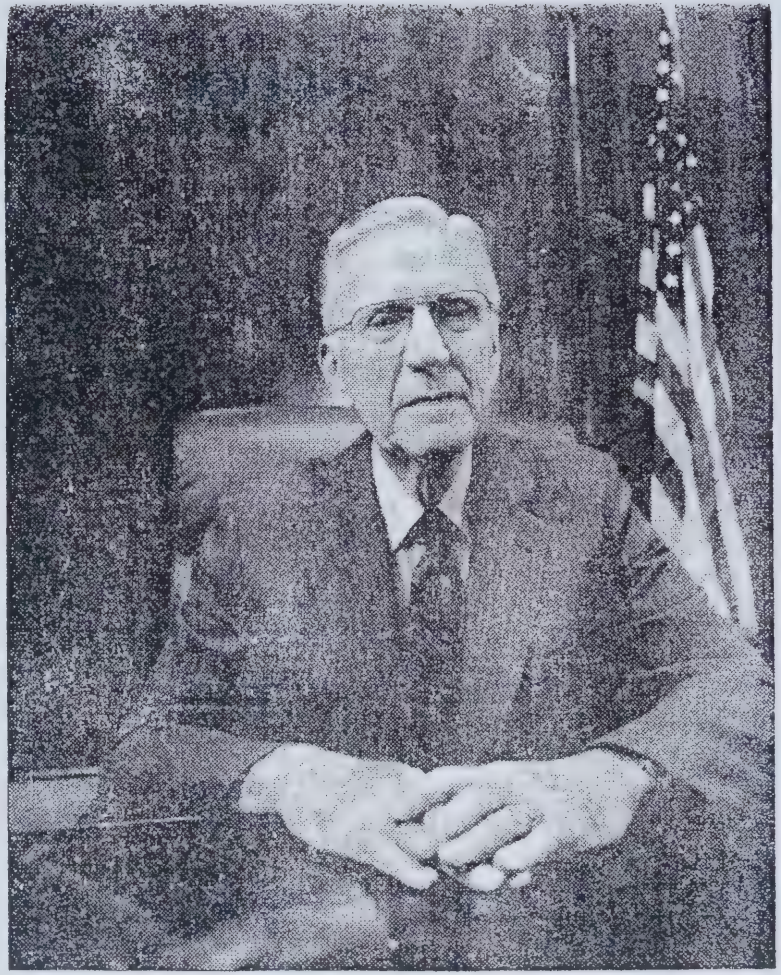
"In the old days, a juvenile delinquent was likely to be someone who owed some tariff on an overdue library book," Stump said. Today's delinquent acts, he said, are shocking and most would be criminal acts if committed by an adult.

One reason for the increase in juvenile delinquents might be the automobile, Stump said, adding that three of four delinquent acts involve a car.

Youths are either trying to get something to make their car more sporty or to make it run, so it can take them places they can only reach by car, he said. Such mobility likely rides side by side with less strict discipline, he said. Those who stay home are under their parents' watchful eye, he said.

"So the automobile, I think, has been a nemesis to our social structure, really," Stump said.

But the past 40 years have given Stump things to smile about, as well. His employees, he said, have doubled as his friends and have been faithful, honest and dilligent in their work. "For the most part," he said, not forgetting the people with whom he's dealt every day since he became judge, "the members of the bar have been friendly, cooperative, diligent and have done a lot to make the job pleasant."



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After 30 years, Harold Stump is retiring as judge. He recalls loyal employees but laments the increase in juvenile offenses.

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November 17, 1988

Tim A. McAlhany
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DeKalb County Probation Department
213 East Seventh Street
Auburn, Indiana 46706

Dear Mr. McAlhany:

Thank you for your letter of October 31, 1988. I appreciate this opportunity to respond, and I apologize for my delay in doing so.

I am afraid that your request for a resolution commemorating Judge Stump's 30 years of service to DeKalb County cannot be granted, as Congress has recessed and will not convene until the start of the new year. However, I have enclosed a letter of congratulations and commendation which might be given to Judge Stump at the dinner to be held in his honor on November 22, 1988.

Thank you for making me aware of Judge Stump's announced retirement. Please feel free to call upon me if I can be of additional assistance.

Sincerely,

Richard G. Lugar
United States Senator

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January 24, 1989

The Honorable Harold D. Stump
3208 C.R. 40
Auburn, IN 46706

Dear Judge Stump:

It is with sincere pleasure that I join your family, friends and co-workers in congratulating you on your retirement. After 30 years of service with the DeKalb County Circuit Court, I imagine you are looking forward to this time but am sure your presence will be missed.

I hope the years ahead are enjoyable ones for you, filled with many happy and peaceful moments. You have worked hard to reach this well-deserved retirement. Make the most of it!

Sincerely,

Dick

Richard W. Worman, C.L.U.
State Senator

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November 17, 1988

The Honorable Harold D. Stump
DeKalb County Circuit Court
213 E. Seventh Street
Auburn, Indiana 46706

Dear Judge Stump:

I want to take this opportunity to extend my warm wishes of congratulations on your upcoming retirement from the Dekalb County Circuit Court on December 31, 1988.

Your thirty years of service to the people of Indiana is to be commended. I join your family and friends in wishing you continued success.

Again, congratulations!

Sincerely,

Richard G. Lugar
United States Senator

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November 10, 1988

Mr. Tim A. McAlhany
Chief Probation Officer
DeKalb Co.- Probation Dept.
213 E. Seventh Street
Auburn, Indiana 46706

Dear Tim:

I appreciate your bringing Judge Harold Stump's retirement to my attention. From my own experience, reading the press clippings you enclosed and talking to friends from DeKalb County, I know that Judge Stump has a long record of distinguished service. I am sure that the citizens of DeKalb County will miss his judgement and wisdom on the bench.

Unfortunately, Congress went out of session in the early morning hours of October 22nd. Therefore, there would be no way to pass a resolution acknowledging Judge Stump's retirement. However, I would add that Congress rarely honors individuals with such a resolution, and those who are honored have usually distinguished themselves on a national or international basis. I would suggest that you contact your State Representative and State Senator to see if it would be possible to honor Judge Stump in the next session of the Indiana General Assembly.

Sincerely,

Dan Coats
Member of Congress

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January 20, 1989

Honorable Harold Stump
Auburn, IN 46706

Dear Judge:

It is hard to believe your career on the bench has come to an end. It reminds me that we are all aging gracefully but nevertheless aging. I can remember the pleasure I had as a young lawyer appearing before your father and how lawyers like Dan Lenk, Judge Endicott and Howard Mountz kept the Welkin elegantly ringing in your parts. It was great to be a small part of the Leigh Hunt era and the memory of the Pine Valley case and the despicable Strutz are fascinating folklore. You always had a warm welcome from Fort Wayne lawyers, kept us on our toes and reminded us that DeKalb County justice was second to none.

I see there is legislation up to change our court systems on who does what and I am sure it is the way to manage the times. However there was something to be said for the old concept of the Circuit Judge who set the style and guided the course of life in his county. It was both a personal as well as caring hand and it made for a very good way of life in the counties which had it.

Over the years I owe you thanks for many kindnesses and every lawyer has a special place in his heart for a Judge who is scholarly, attentive and ready to rule when the facts are clearly before him. I am sure you must feel buoyed up by all the warmth and good will as the lawyers in northeast Indiana applaud you and I certainly count myself foremost in that group. I hope you have all the years ahead that you have earned filled with the blessings which the Bible assures us come to the just law giver.

My compliments and very cordial and warm regards to you at this important time in your life.

Sincerely yours,

William F. McNagny

WFM/sms

P.S. I was away when we opened our new building. When you're coming down this way please give me a call and I will give you lunch and a tour and we can have a visit.

HAROLD D. STUMP AND LETHA STUMP AT HAROLD'S RETIREMENT DINNER AT THE ST. JAMES RESTAURANT IN AVILLA, INDIANA ON NOVEMBER 16, 1988

DeKalb County Bar Association

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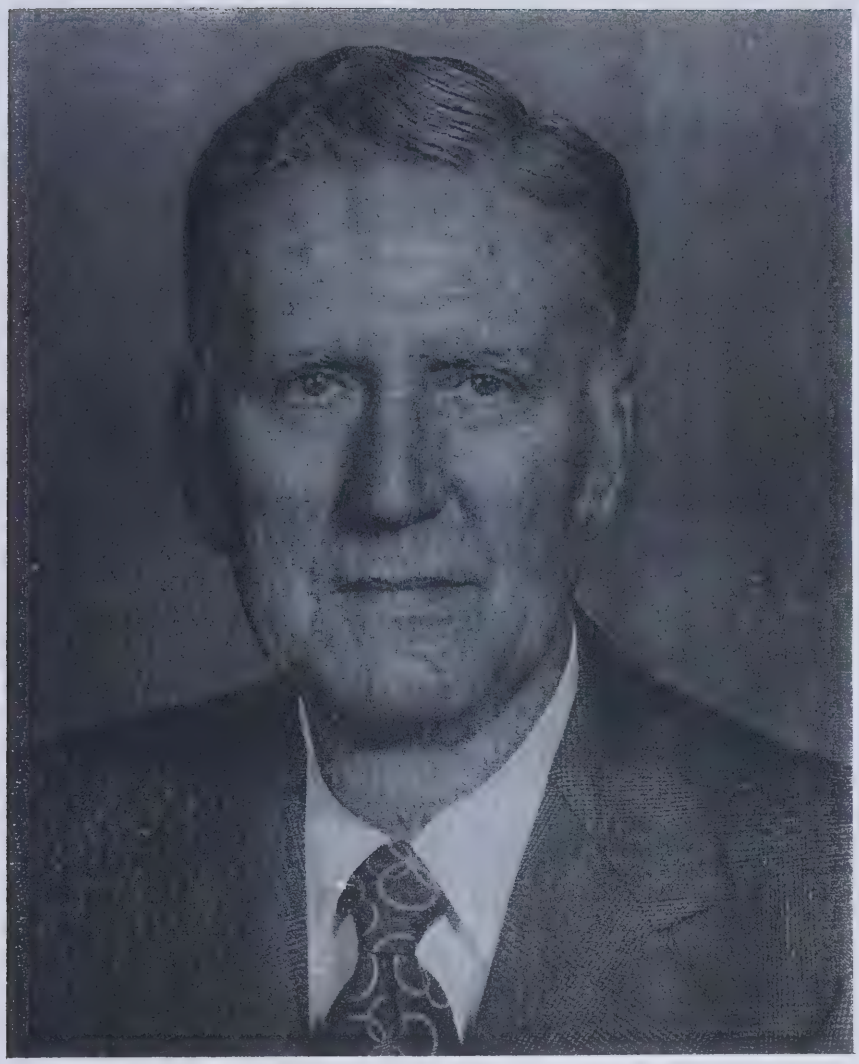

THE HONORABLE HAROLD D. STUMP

THE MENU

Lawyers' Libations
Stump Soup
Seventy-Fifth Circuit Salad

Litigious Lobster
Harold's Cut of Prime Rib au Jus
Baked Potato under Advisement
Judgment Rolls

Sue's Pie
Due Process Drinks:
Coffee Tea Milk Soft Drinks

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Invocation
The Honorable Charles L. Quinn
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John Martin Smith
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Philip Butler

Response
The Honorable Harold D. Stump

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Kirk D. Carpenter
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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH
OF THE
HONORABLE
HAROLD D. STUMP
JUDGE
OF THE
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1959 - 1988

Harold D. Stump was born October 28, 1917, in Auburn, DeKalb County, Indiana. His father was Walter D. Stump and his mother was Clementine (Hartsock) Stump. He attended public school in Auburn, graduating from Auburn High School in 1935. He attended Indiana University, receiving an AB degree in 1939, and a JD degree from the Indiana University School of Law at Bloomington in January, 1942.

After receiving his JD degree, he became a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and was assigned to the field offices of Washington, D.C., Des Moines, Iowa, and New York City, in which capacity he served until May 5, 1944, when he resigned and enlisted in the United States Marine Corps. After basic training, he was a drill instructor at Parris Island, South Carolina, marine base for three months when he requested and was assigned to the 12th Marine Regiment of the 3rd Marine Division. He served in the Pacific Theater of Operations in World War II with the 3rd Marine Division through the conquest of Iwo Jima.

At the surrender of Japan, he was assigned to the 3rd Amphibious Corps, a multi-faceted military unit formed and based at Tientsin, China, fifty miles southeast from Peking, to slow the advance of the Chinese Communist forces in the effort to drive the Chinese Nationalist forces out of China. After being in Tientsin until May of 1946, he was returned to the United States Marine Corps in July, 1946.

He returned to Auburn to practice law with his father, Walter D. Stump; however, since his father was a candidate for Judge of DeKalb Circuit Court in 1946 and elected to such office, Harold began the private practice of law in the office of his father as his father assumed the bench. During the period of his law practice, Harold was appointed as the first Judge of the newly created City Court of the City of Auburn, which office he held until he was elected Judge of the DeKalb Circuit Court. He practiced law in Auburn until the 1958 election when he was elected to the bench as Judge of the DeKalb Circuit Court, succeeding his father, who declined to seek the office for a third term. He was thereafter elected to five successive terms of the DeKalb Circuit Court with his term ending December 31, 1988.

He was very active in civic, welfare, youth, and many other community groups until election as Circuit Court Judge reduced the number of activities in which he could appropriately participate. He was one of the principal organizers and supporters of Region II of Foster Care Services, Incorporated, serving the Indiana Counties of DeKalb, LaGrange, Noble, Steuben, Wells, and Whitley in Northeast Indiana.

On May 5, 1968, Harold D. Stump was married to Letha Mae (Grogg) Smith. Harold and Letha were involved in raising, training, and showing of Tennessee Walking Horses for several years. Their hobbies include fishing, traveling, and nature studies. They are members of the Auburn Presbyterian Church, and reside on the bank of Cedar Creek on Morning Star Road just outside the city of Auburn.

John Martin Smith
DeKalb County Historian

THE ATTENDEES AT THE RETIREMENT DINNER AT THE ST. JAMES RESTAURANT

"KNOCK THREE TIMES," SUNG BY THE ASSEMBLED ATTORNEYS AT HAROLD'S RETIREMENT DINNER

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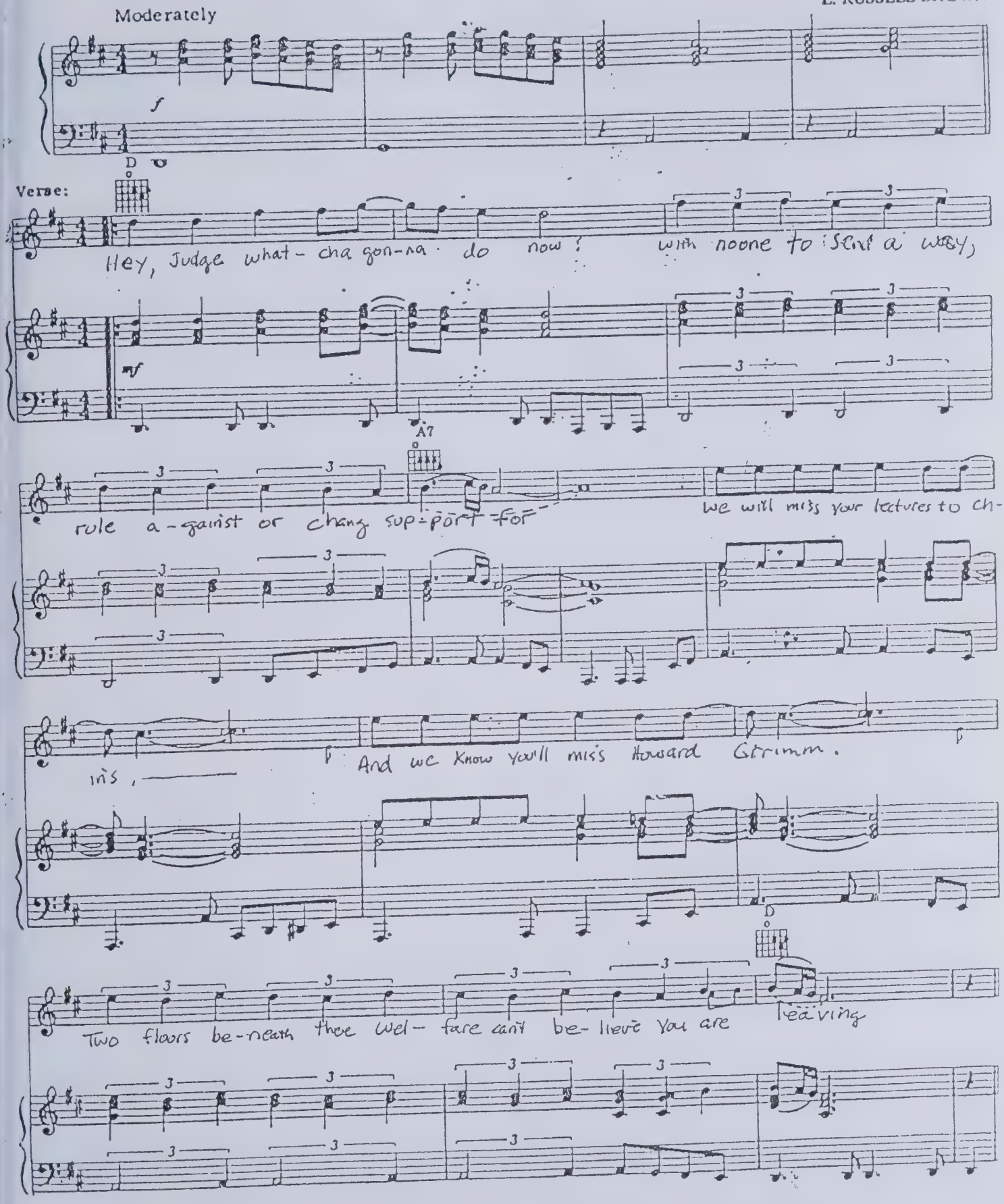

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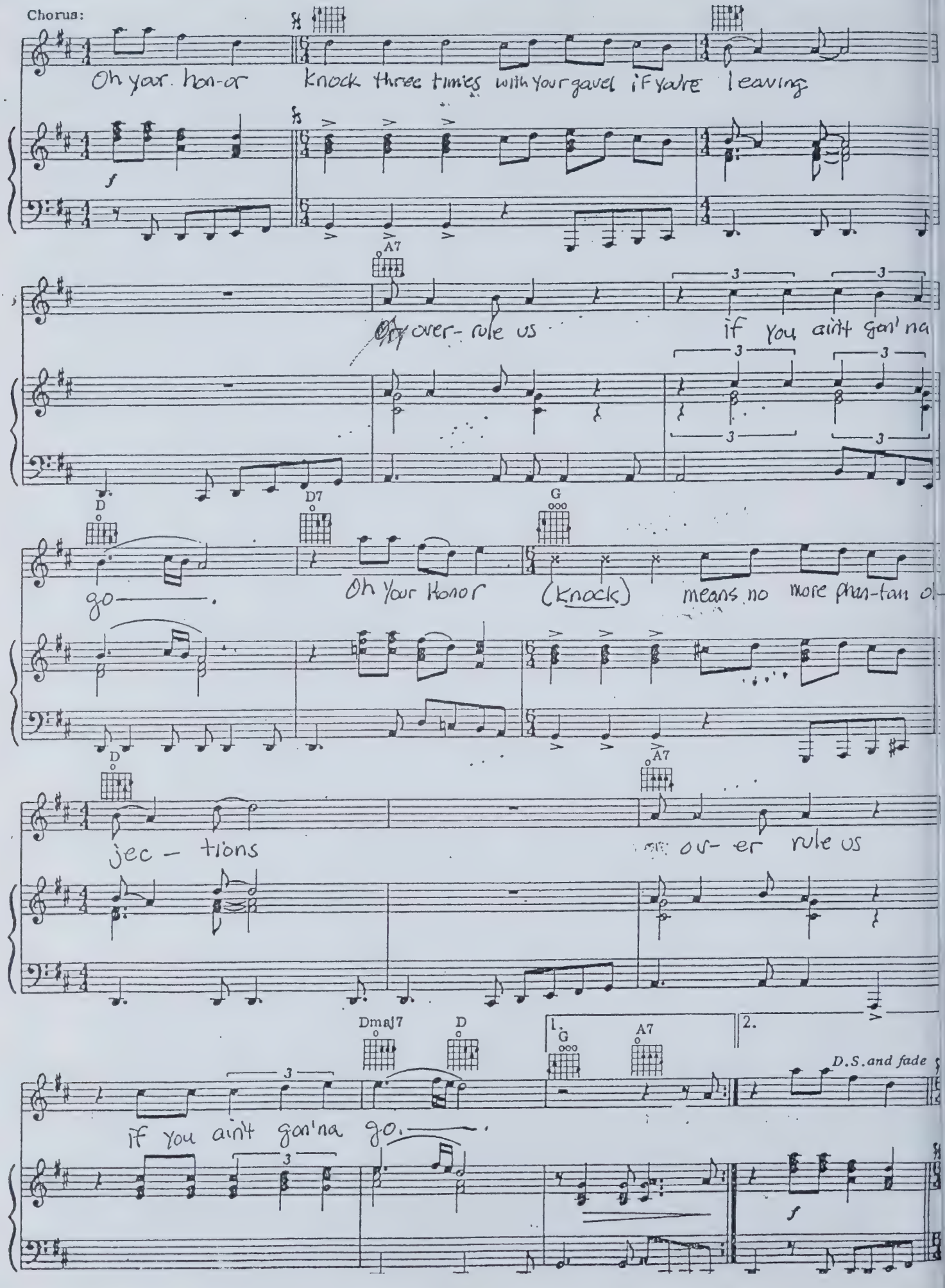
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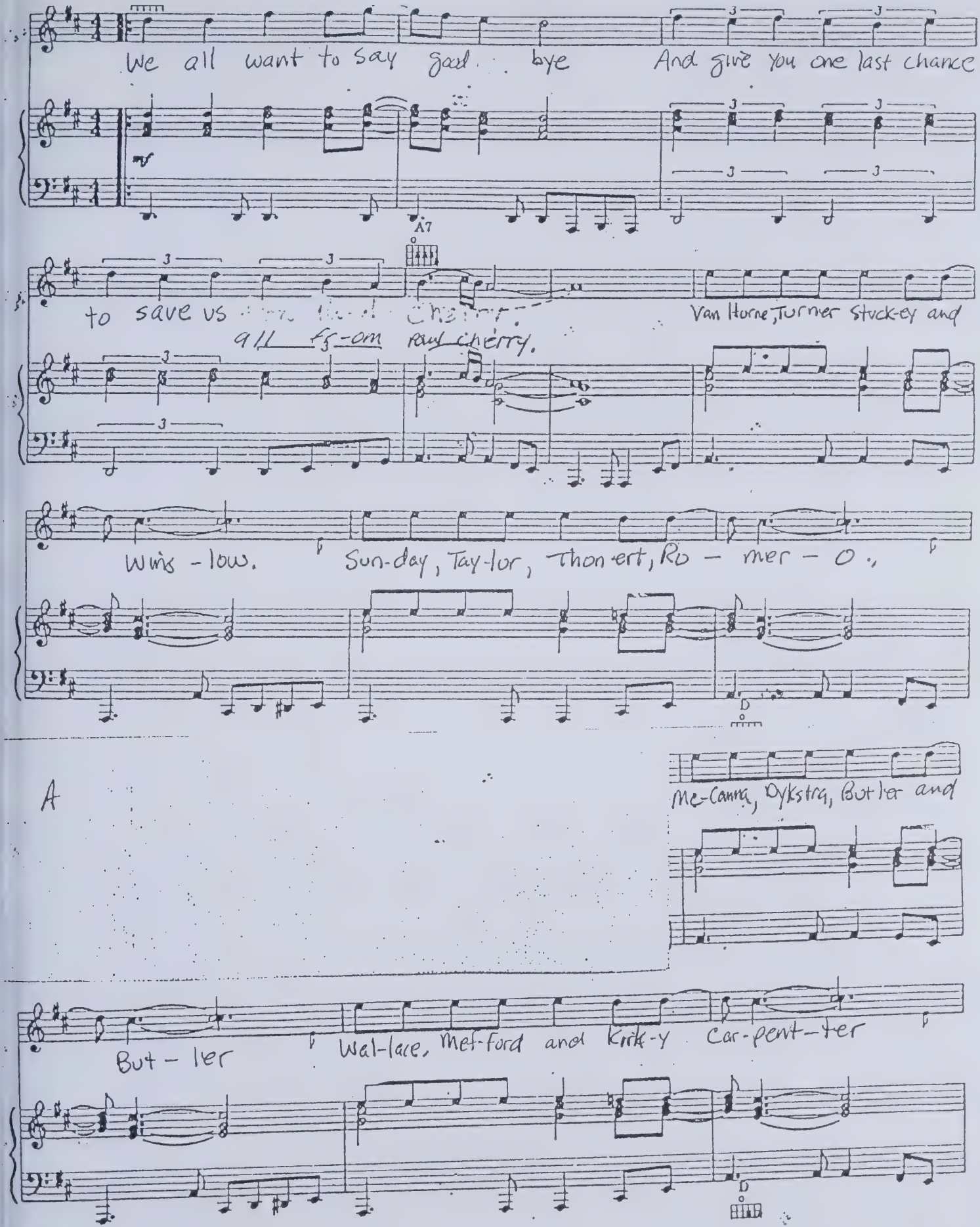
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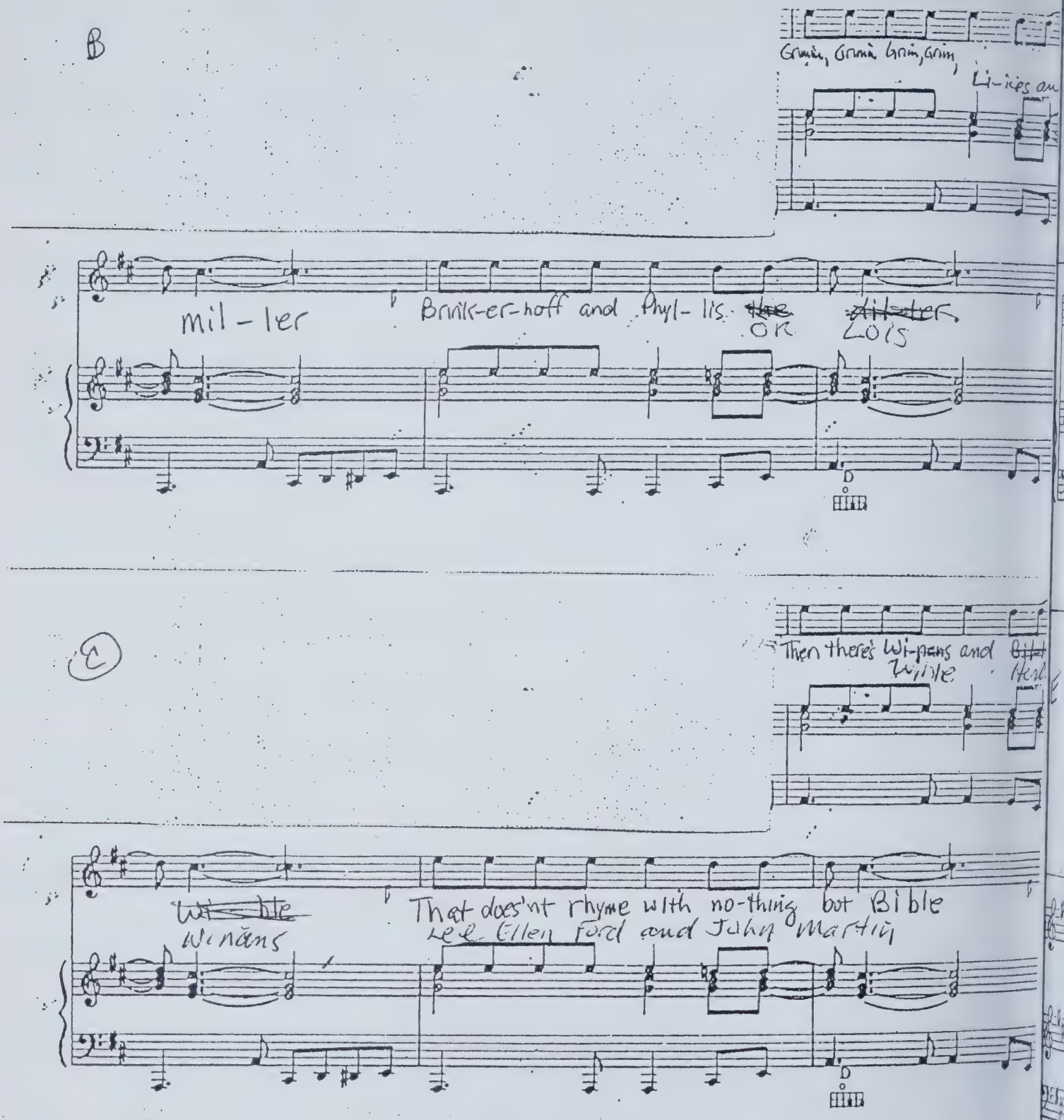
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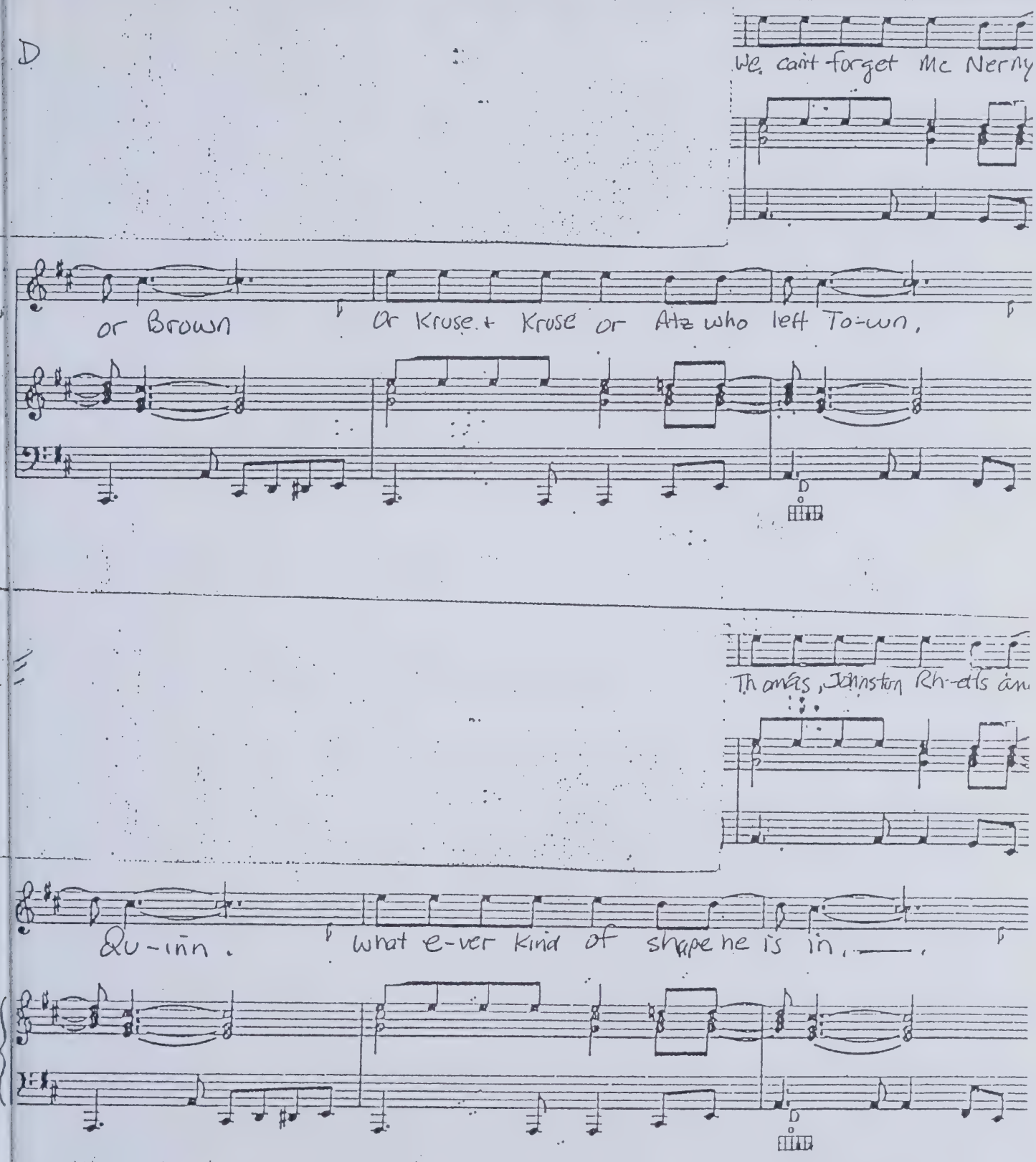
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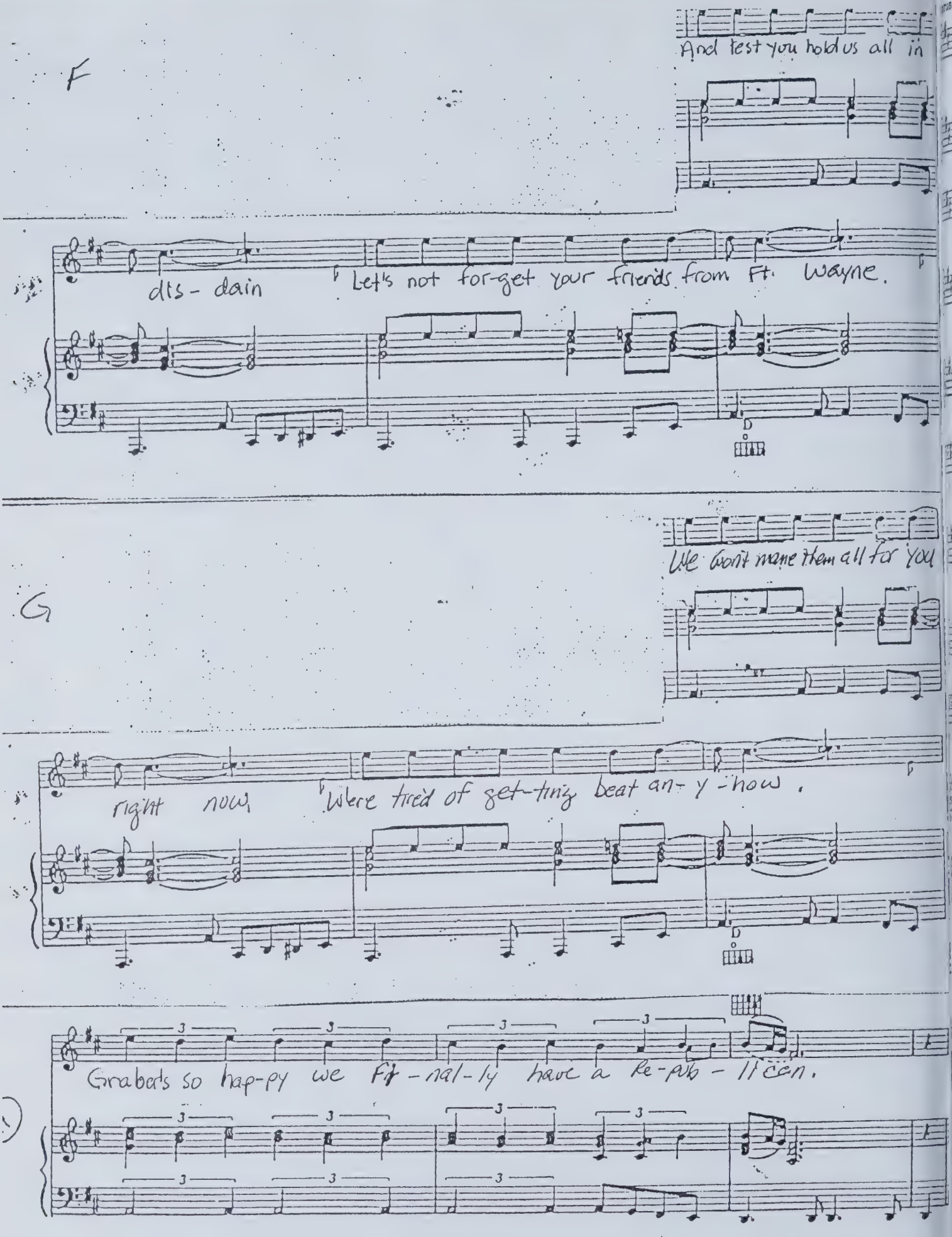
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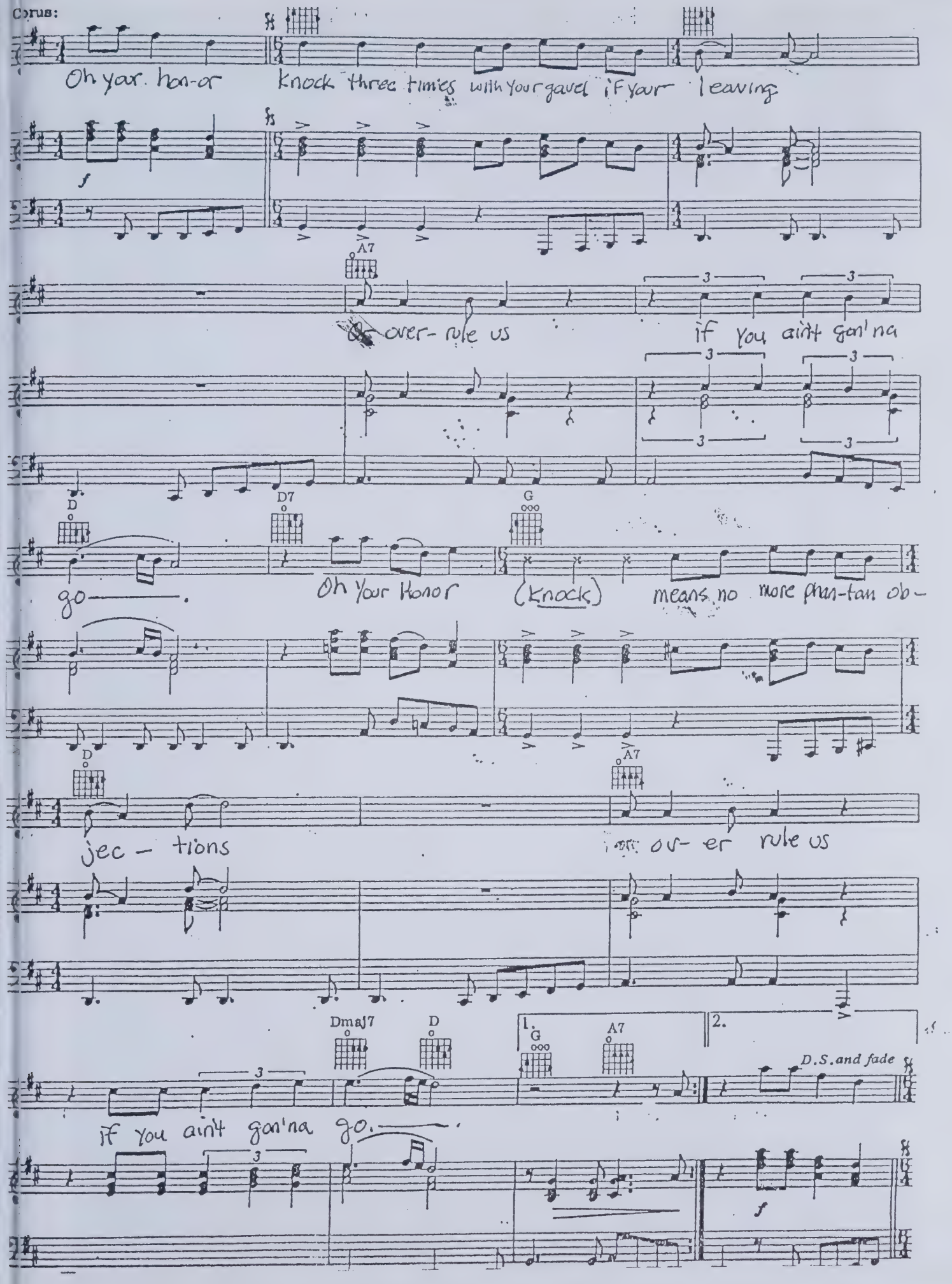
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LIFELONG FRIEND, PHILIP BUTLER, ADDRESSING
THOSE IN ATTENDANCE...HAROLD ON THE LEFT

HONORED GUESTS INCLUDED FROM LEFT TO RIGHT: HELEN AND DALE GROGG (LETHA'S BROTHER AND SISTER-IN-LAW), KENNETH H. AND CAROLYN STUMP OLSON, AND LETHA AND HAROLD D. STUMP

HAROLD ADDRESSING THE GUESTS...CAROLYN STUMP OLSON AND LETHA STUMP ON FAR LEFT

Not extoll my attorney's talents
or lament my many shortcomings
(1) Sue - My pride and joy

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M/M Donald T. Mefford
M/M Richard Poff
Hon. Charles L. Quinn
M/M Charles C. Rhetts, Jr.
M/M Frederic L. Romero
M/M John Martin Smith
M/M Donald J. Stuckey
Hon. and Mrs. Harold D. Stump
M/M Warren G. Sunday
Hugh Taylor
M/M Richard J. Thonert
M/M Jeffrey L. Turner
M/M Grant VanHorne
M/M Kevin P. Wallace
M/M H. Charles Winans
Ms. Carolyn Sutton
M/M Philip J. Butler
M/M Paul C. Raver, Sr.
Howard Grimm, Sr.
M/M William Wible
M/M Winslow VanHorne

Mrs. William H. Husselman
Mrs. James A. Angelone
(3) Mrs. James D. Brinkerhoff, Jr.
Mrs. Hugh Sanders
~~Mrs. Florence Bohmfalk~~
Mrs. George Mountz
(8) M/M David L. Southern - Mary
(9) M/M John Davidson - Jenny
(10) M/M Tim McAlhany - Jan
(5) M/M Chester Davis, Jr. - [illegible]
(7) M/M Phil Strahm - Ruth
(6) M/M Maurice Close - Mickie
(4) M/M Conrad Schaeffer - Carol
(12) ~~M/M Robert J. Stonestreet~~
M/M Yancy Stonestreet - Sharon — 2
(2) M/M Kenneth Olson - Carolyn — 2
(11) M/M Lloyd Hoodelmier - Peg — 3
(13) M/M Dale Grogg - Helen
my pride and joy - My wife — 1

NOTES ON THE LIST OF ATTENDEES AND NOTES OUTLINING HIS REMARKS AT THE RETIREMENT CELEBRATION AT THE ST. JAMES RESTAURANT ARE ALL IN HAROLD D. STUMP'S OWN HAND

ANECDOTES (1)

ATKINSON - H. MOUNTZ

[illegible] formed, freckled red, kept forehead
— M - more profane nickname -
— B: How in the heck you cowed
get such a down stem in
your head.
— M - most profane language
ever heard you would
[illegible]
- DEFENDANT ALIBI -
- WINSLOW VAN HORNE -
- [illegible] this - small V W -
engineer - computer -
(by law) physics the space
- it shd permit the performance
of the act by which [illegible] would
result
- Mrs Mickamin - all former
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WATERLOO
- [illegible] spring break stand
- [illegible] alley - [illegible]
mess - W D always it could rescued for
PROVIDES CLAIM IN ESTATE
HOWARD MOUNTZ - wedding marriage
at R.S. with gun up in hand -
— other atty coaching his client
while on witness stand -
- [illegible]

(2)

- Most all from and humor
Waterloo Murder from
P-1

H + W gunned at
Mountz home, H
shot W then himself

CHAPTER - cases (3)

> Types cases tried —
— JP - Juvenile Delinquency
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— Jewish % ; cases tried
— Some evidence
more — Juvenile cases
— few
— Court Trial —
— Court Trial and Jury Trial —

> procedure - charges
- penal code - (Twice)
- civil code
- criminal code
- juvenile code
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(4)

> Summary on bar association.
COMPLAINTS Each the 1946
Many are closed up
much delay
— Ten cases pending
— seminars here —
HUGH SAWYER - EC
ATTORNEY - Cts priority
— backlogged due to
Judges part time.

changes in personnel

Bailiff

- Bill Heyler
- Louis Cooper
- Otto Scherer
- Ethel Pichel
- Maurice Close
- Chester Strahm

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all regular bench attendees & permanent on many worthy christian endeavors

Court Reporter

- Marge Fortmann Pitler & CWB board
- Alta Barragar w of preacher & christian church
- Glenna Leigh for a church & church activities for women
- Carol Schaeffer [illegible] at church & church [illegible] retired & the richest woman in of christ

all have worked and attorneys might like for [illegible] salvation and redemption [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

JUDGE HAROLD D. STUMP'S REMARKS ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT DINNER AT THE ST. JAMES RESTAURANT IN AVILLA, INDIANA ON NOVEMBER 16, 1988....

Harold began the evening by saying, "I am glad that no one here will extol my extremely limited virtues or lament my many shortcomings...."

Harold then continued his comments with a few carefully chosen anecdotes that he savored throughout the years. Among his reminiscences was a paternity suit which was being adjudicated in the Circuit Court in which the alibi for the defendant in the suit was that no "conjugal act" occurred because on the night of the supposed interlude, his vehicle of choice was a Carman Ghia, which was a small Volkswagon. The attorney for the defendant, **Winslow Van Horne**, cited an expert witness, an engineer, who testified that his computations, following the laws of physics, stated that "the space would not permit the performance of the act by which conception would result."

The jurors began "snickering," with juror # twelve, an old farmer, saying loudly to the assembled courtroom," You expect me to believe that? It can happen in a horse-drawn buggy."

Harold continued by reminding the attendees at the dinner that the cases brought before the bench were "not all fun and humor." A case in point was the **Waterloo Murder Trial** which occurred when **Harold** was home on Spring Break from Indiana University during his Junior year, and his father, **Walter D.**, was the presiding judge. **Bill Hussleman** was the prosecutor and **Walter** had selected a court appointed counsel for the defense. The crime occurred when two men quarreled at the door of the grain elevator in Waterloo and one man shot the other and then shot himself.

Harold also recounted the changes which he had witnessed during his thirty years on the bench. The types of cases had changed with fewer cases tried and more cases resolved prior to a court date. In the current times, there were more divorces, more juvenile cases, and few paternity cases with the advent of DNA profiling. Procedural changes had also changed with probate codes changing twice, with criminal and juvenile codes changing once, and with a "new" trust and guardianship code being established. **Harold** also noted the changes in the Bar Association itself as he noted that when he began practicing law in 1946, lawyers "seemed so much older," "bar association meeting socials were frequent," and "seminars were rare" although he noted that when **Judge Ed Atkinson** traveled with **Hugh Sanders** to an judicial event, "**Ed's** prints were on the dashboard due to **Hugh's** fast driving."

Harold also noted the changes in Circuit Court personnel who had passed through his five terms...the six bailiffs were: **Bill Heyler, Louis Cooper, Otto Scherer, Eddie Picker, Maurice Close, and Philip Straham,** all of which, **Harold** noted, were "regular church attenders and prominent in many worthy Christian endeavors." The five court reporters were: **Madge Robinson**, a "pillar of the Evangelical United Bretheran Church," **Alta Garrigus**, the "wife of a preacher of a Christian Church," **Florence Seiple** from "a

family of church-oriented persons," **Carol Schaeffer**, the "pianist at the Church of Christ," and **Donna Davis**, a "matriarch of the Coburn Corners Church of Christ." Harold applauded the devoted employees of the court by saying, "All have worked and striven mightily for my salvation and redemption....Alas.....all in vain....confirmed sinners seldom repent."

Concluding his remarks, **Harold** noted one more change...."Now times we have a change in the judge of the court – my respect and best wishes to **Paul Cherry**, the next **Judge of the 75th Judicial Circuit Court of Indiana**."

Harold graciously bid farewell to the assembled colleagues with the following closing: "Thanks to all you friends and colleagues at the Bar for this greatly appreciated retirement party. Thanks most for your many acts of thoughtfulness and friendship that have made thirty years pass too soon for me." As **Harold** thanked the list of invitees by name for attending the festivities, he referred to **Letha** ("**Sue**," as she was called by **Harold**, her family, and her close friends) as his **"Pride and Joy**...."

Harold then read the **Judge's Prayer**:

"I PRAY THAT TODAY I WILL HAVE THE KNOWLEDGE TO DISCOVER; AND THE WISDOM TO CLASSIFY THE LEGAL ISSUES; THE ABILITY TO SEE, AND THE UNBIASED MIND TO RECOGNIZE, THE TRUE FACTS; THE HEART TO KNOW; AND THE GENTLENESS TO UNDERSTAND THE HUMAN PROBLEMS; AND THE PATIENCE AND LOGIC TO REACH, AND THE COURAGE TO DECLARE, THE JUST DECISION.

ALL THESE THINGS, LORD, I ASK, AND THAT AT THE CLOSE OF THIS DAY, MY CONSCIENCE MAY TRULY SAY, "TODAY YOU WERE WORTHY TO BE CALLED, '*JUDGE*.'"

THE JUDGE'S PRAYER **WAS QUOTED BY HAROLD FROM A MUCH CHERISHED PLAQUE WHICH WAS PRESENTED TO THE JUDGE FROM THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT AND THE CIRCUIT COURT.**

Harold D. Stump
Judge of the 75th Judicial Circuit (Retired)
Auburn, Indiana 46706

April 18, 1989

Kirk D. Carpenter
President, DeKalb County Bar Association

Dear Colleagues at the Bar:

In the course of the many faceted human events, both personal and professional, which occur in the lives of each of us, there are some to which we attach a greater degree of satisfaction and pride. The retirement ceremony which was held by the DeKalb County Bar Association to commemorate my retirement as Judge of the DeKalb Circuit Court marked by far the most satisfying and personally rewarding professional experience I have ever known or could ever know.

The immense pride I will always feel in your attendance at the event; the elegant repast which was prepared; the excellence of the program which was presented; the kindly and flattering words that were said and the convivial atmosphere which prevailed, defies adequate description.

Your decision to include my portrait on the wall of the Circuit Courtroom with the three illustrious judges who immediately preceded me in the office adds greatly to the appreciation, pride and prestige I keenly feel.

To you, singly and collectively, who alternately perplexed and guided me in the course of my judicial journey for thirty years, I am deeply indebted for your genuine thoughtfulness expressed by the retirement ceremony held by the DeKalb County Bar Association.

I apologize for the somewhat tardy nature of this letter. As you know, I have experienced some delay in completing the retirement process and completely shedding the judicial harness; however, the end is now in sight and I should soon have completed my appointed rounds.

Sincerely,

Harold D. Stump

Harold D. Stump

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Harold D. Stump
Judge of the 75th Judicial Circuit (Retired)
Auburn, Indiana 46706

May 10, 1989

Mr. Philip Butler
Trust Officer,
Peoples Federal Savings Bank
212 West 7th Street
Auburn, Indiana 46706

Dear Phil:

For the many acts of kindness and thoughtful consideration, of which you have made me the beneficiary, through the years of our acquaintance, I tender my most sincere appreciation. This is especially true of the gently flattering words you eloquently spoke on my behalf on the occasion of my retirement from the bench of the DeKalb Circuit Court.

I know of no other person from whom I could have heard those remarks with the same high sense of gratification that I felt as you spoke.

Our friendship through the years may not have been as close socially, recreationally, fraternally, neighborly or in other categories of relationships upon which friendships are predicated; however, in the areas of mutual trust, faith respect, confidences unbetrayed, esteem, honor, inviolability, affability, cordiality and warmth, I could never had had a better friend.

It would be a supreme honor for me to have the opportunity to reciprocate in the bestowal upon you of an appropriate honorarium.

Please pardon the somewhat tardy nature of this note. The number of court matters in process in which Judge Cherry was involved, either as Prosecutor or private practitioner, from which he believed he should disqualify himself, has delayed my total retirement. The end is now in sight, and I shall soon have at last completed my appointed rounds.

May the pathway for you and yours be ever smooth to your tread with a slight downhill slope - may your troubles all be small ones - may the harvest of your crop of peace and joy be munificent - may a gentle wind be always at your back - may the stream of your life flow gently and smoothly, free from rocks and shoals - may the embers of peace, contentment and happiness hold you ever in their warmth and may God always hold you in the palm of his hand.

Sincerely,

Harold D. Stump

FOND FAREWELL — Judge Harold Stump (left) greets a well-wisher Thursday night, during a party to mark the judge's retirement later this year. (Star photo by Lee Sauer)

Staff honors retiring judge

By LARRY CZAJA

More than 50 people were on hand at the DeKalb County Courthouse in Auburn Thursday afternoon to bid farewell to Judge Harold D. Stump.

Stump, the DeKalb Circuit Court Judge, will be retiring at the end of the year. He has been on the Circuit Court bench for 30 years.

The informal get-together was coordinated by the judge's wife, Sue Stump, his bailiffs and court reporters and the county probation department. Those attending included employees from all the courthouse offices.

Tim McAlhany, the chief probatiion officer, said the judge's staff decided to have the party now because the DeKalb County Bar Association is having a formal farewell party in November. "With the holidays coming up and the Bar Association party next month, we felt things would be too busy at the end of the year for a party like this," said McAlhany.

The Auburn House catered the affair, which lasted from 4:30 until about 8 p.m. To everyone's delight, it was decided in advance that there would be no speeches.

The judge and his wife were thrilled with the gifts they received from the courthouse employees, which included a plaque with the "Judge's Prayer," gift certificates for merchandise and dinners, and a video recorder.

McAlhany said the idea for the VCR originated when he told the judge's wife that the event was going to be videotaped. "She said, 'That's great, but we don't have a VCR.' So-o-o, we figured that would be the perfect gift." said McAlhany.

THE ATTENDEES AT THE RETIREMENT LUNCHEON AT THE COURT HOUSE IN 1988

HAROLD AND LETHA STUMP AT THE COURT HOUSE LUNCHEON HONORING HAROLD'S RETIREMENT FROM THE JUDGESHIP

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LETHA WITH JAN AND TIM MCALHANY..
TIM IS THE PROBABION OFFICER FOR
DEKALB COUNTY

BALIFF CONRAD SCHAEFFER, COURT REPORTER, CAROL SCHAFFER, HAROLD D. STUMP, DONNA DAVIS, AND BALIFF, MAURICE CLOSE

HAROLD AND LETHA STUMP AT THE COURT HOUSE LUNCHEON HONORING HAROLD'S RETIREMENT FROM THE JUDGESHIP

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OBAMA'S 'REDISTRIBUTION' CONSTITUTION

When Walter D. Stump and Harold D. Stump were elected to oversee the DeKalb Circuit Court from 1946 until 1988, both men were firm believers in the sanctity of the judicial process and that the judiciary should never be used as a political pawn to advance social legislation of either the conservative or the liberal wings of either major party. To preserve, protect, and defend the Constitution of the United States is a judge's solemn vow and a vow which Walter and Harold felt was inviolate. For this reason, the following article which discusses current President Obama's "Redistribution" Constitution is one with which both judges would agree...under no circumstances would either man believe "that judges ought to decide cases in light of the empathy they ought to feel for the little guy in any lawsuit." The thought of packing the Supreme Court with judges who, like President Obama, believe that "empathy, not justice, ought to be the mission of the federal courts, and the redistribution of wealth should be their mantra," would have made both men apoplectic. It remains for those who undertake the judgeships of the future to determine whether "justice and the rule of law are replaced with empathy in our nation's courtrooms."

OPINION

Obama's 'Redistribution' Constitution

By Steven G. Calabresi

One of the great unappreciated stories of the past eight years is how thoroughly Senate Democrats thwarted efforts by President Bush to appoint judges to the lower federal courts.

Consider the most important lower federal court in the country: the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit. In his two terms as president, Ronald Reagan appointed eight judges, an average of one a year, to this court. They included Robert Bork, Antonin Scalia, Kenneth Starr, Larry Silberman,

The courts are poised for a takeover by the judicial left.

Stephen Williams, James Buckley, Douglas Ginsburg and David Sentelle. In his two terms, George W. Bush was able to name only four: John Roberts, Janice Rogers Brown, Thomas Griffith and Brett Kavanaugh.

Although two seats on this court are vacant, Bush nominee Peter Keisler has been denied even a committee vote for two years. If Barack Obama wins the presidency, he will almost certainly fill those two vacant seats, the seats of two older Clinton appointees who will retire, and most likely the seats of four older Reagan and George H.W. Bush appointees who may retire as well.

The net result is that the legal left will once again have a majority on the nation's most important regulatory court of appeals.

The balance will shift as well on almost all of the 12 other federal appeals courts. Nine of the 13 will probably swing to the left if Mr. Obama is elected (not counting the Ninth Circuit, which the left solidly controls today). Circuit majorities are likely at stake in this presidential election for the First, Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth, Sixth, Seventh and Eleventh Circuit Courts of Appeal. That includes the federal appeals courts for New York City, Los Angeles, Chicago, Boston, Philadelphia and virtually every other major center of finance in the country.

On the Supreme Court, six of the current nine justices will be 70 years old or older on January 20, 2009. There is a widespread expectation that the next president could make four appointments in just his first term, with maybe two more in a second term. Here too we are poised for heavy change.

These numbers ought to raise serious concern because of Mr. Obama's extreme left-wing views about the role of judges. He believes—and he is quite open about this—that judges ought to decide cases in light of the empathy they ought to feel for the little guy in any lawsuit.

Speaking in July 2007 at a conference of Planned Parenthood, he said: "[W]e need somebody who's got the heart, the empathy, to recognize what it's like to be a young teenage mom. The empathy to understand what it's like to be poor, or African-American, or gay, or disabled, or old. And that's the criteria by which I'm going to be selecting my judges."

On this view, plaintiffs should usually win against defendants in civil cases; criminals in cases against the police; consumers, employees and stockholders in suits brought against corporations; and citizens in suits

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brought against the government. Empathy, not justice, ought to be the mission of the federal courts, and the redistribution of wealth should be their mantra.

In a Sept. 6, 2001, interview with Chicago Public Radio station WBEZ-FM, Mr. Obama noted that the Supreme Court under Chief Justice Earl Warren "never ventured into the issues of redistribution of wealth and sort of more basic issues of political and economic justice in this society," and "to that extent as radical as I think people tried to characterize the Warren Court, it wasn't that radical."

He also noted that the Court "didn't break free from the essential constraints that were placed by the Founding Fathers in the Constitution, at least as it has been interpreted." That is to say, he noted that the U.S. Constitution as written is only a guarantee of negative liberties from government—and not an entitlement to a right to welfare or economic justice.

This raises the question of whether Mr. Obama can in good faith take the presidential oath to "preserve, protect, and defend the Constitution" as he must do if he is to take office? Does Mr. Obama support the Constitution as it is written, or does he support amendments to guarantee welfare? Is his provision of a "tax cut" to millions of Americans who currently pay no taxes merely a foreshadowing of constitutional rights to welfare, health care, Social Security, vacation time and the redistribution of wealth? Perhaps the candidate ought to be asked to answer these questions before the election rather than after.

Every new federal judge has been required by federal law to take an oath of office in which he swears that he will "administer justice without respect to persons, and do equal right to the poor and to the rich." Mr. Obama's emphasis on empathy in essence requires the appointment of judges committed in advance to violating this oath. To the traditional view of justice as a blindfolded person weighing legal claims fairly on a scale, he wants to tear the blindfold off, so the judge can rule for the party he empathizes with most.

The legal left wants Americans to imagine that the federal courts are very right-wing now, and that Mr. Obama will merely stem some great right-wing federal judicial tide. The reality is completely different. The federal courts hang in the balance, and it is the left which is poised to capture them.

A whole generation of Americans has come of age since the nation experienced the bad judicial appointments and foolish economic and regulatory policy of the Johnson and Carter administrations. If Mr. Obama wins we could possibly see any or all of the following: a federal constitutional right to welfare; a federal constitutional mandate of affirmative action wherever there are racial disparities, without regard to proof of discriminatory intent; a right for government-financed abortions through the third trimester of pregnancy; the abolition of capital punishment and the mass freeing of criminal defendants; ruinous shareholder suits against corporate officers and directors; and approval of huge punitive damage awards, like those imposed against tobacco companies, against many legitimate businesses such as those selling fattening food.

Nothing less than the very idea of liberty and the rule of law are at stake in this election. We should not let Mr. Obama replace justice with empathy in our nation's courtrooms.

Mr. Calabresi is a co-founder of the Federalist Society and a professor of law at Northwestern University.

"JUST A CLOSER WALK WITH THEE".....

WALKING WITH MY FATHER INTO ETERNITY

****THE STUMPS AND THE STONESTREETS....

****THE FIFTIETH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY OF WALTER AND CLEMENTINE STUMP

****THE PASSING OF WALTER D. STUMP

****THE GOLDEN YEARS OF CLEMENTINE STUMP

....FREEDOM OF RELIGION

THE FOLLOWING SPECIAL MESSAGE WAS FOUND IN THE PERSONAL EFFECTS OF HAROLD D. STUMP AFTER HIS DEATH ON JUNE 11, 1993.

FOOTPRINTS IN THE SAND

One night a man had a dream. He dreamed he was walking along the beach with the Lord. Across the sky flashed scenes from his life. For each scene, he noticed two sets of footprints in the sand: one belonging to him, and the other to the Lord.

When the last scene flashed before him, he looked back at the footprints and noticed that many times along the path there was only one set of footprints in the sand. He also noticed that this happened during the lowest and saddest times in his life.

This really bothered him so he questioned the Lord. "Lord, you said that once I decided to follow you, you would walk with me all the way, but I noticed that during the most troublesome times of my life, there was only one set of footprints. I don't understand why, when I needed you the most, you deserted me."

The Lord replied, "My precious, precious child, I love you and would never leave you. During your times of trial and suffering, when you see only one set of footprints, it was then that I carried you."

Author Unknown

THE STUMPS AND THE STONESTREETS

During the post war years of the 1950's as Harold D. was establishing a law practice and establishing his family, his honesty, integrity and legal talents were in evidence as those traits were ones carefully noted by potential clients in a small town. Harold's expertise in estate planning and business ventures led him to become acquainted with Bob and Doris Stonestreet in 1948, and they were to become his best friends for the next forty-five years. Bob Stonestreet had been a medic during World War II and was stationed in Europe where he was assigned to a psychiatrist who specialized in battlefield trauma patients. Due to Bob's robust size, he was frequently given the task of caring for and escorting soldiers suffering from shell shock and other battle fatigue symptoms. When asked about World War II and how the U.S. had successfully obtained victory, Bob responded that the U.S. simply "out produced them," and he recounted how on the way to Paris after it was liberated, he saw countless discarded U.S.-produced jeeps, trucks, tanks, and artillery pieces lining the roads to the city. His wife, Doris, too had joined the military during World War II, and both of them were eager to begin a business as distributors for Marathon Oil for DeKalb County and the surrounding counties in Northeastern Indiana. With a great deal of hard work and successful planning, Bob and Doris were able to establish the S and S Oil Company which even today continues to be a thriving family-owned business.

During their forty-five year friendship, Harold's loyalty to and love for Bob and Doris made them the brother and sister that he never had. Through Harold's encouragement and knowledge of the social services network, Bob and Doris were able to adopt their sons, Glenn and Yancy, soon after Harold adopted his beloved Dianna in 1960. Throughout Harold's sometimes unpredictable personal life, Bob and Doris maintained their unconditional love for and acceptance of Harold and whatever circumstances his life entailed. For decades, Bob and Doris play the card game, euchre, every Saturday night with Harold and his spouse, and after their families were complete in the early 1960's, the Stumps and the Stonestreets would gather together each Saturday night in Harold's Volkswagon Bus for the drive to their weekly dinner at the St. James Restaurant in Avilla, Indiana. Since their respective homes were directly across from one another on Morningstar Road, Carolyn and Dianna and Glenn and Yancy Stonestreet would enjoy games, snacks, and enacting plays and dramas while their parents played euchre.

Never ones to complain about the outdoor plumbing or Spartan conditions at the Stump cabin in Brown County, Bob and Doris were also frequent guest to this haven where Doris Joined Clementine in making bacon and eggs in a cast iron skillet for the men and for whomever dropped in for breakfast. As the years went by, Harold and Bob combined their talents on many occasions by building and installing a diving board for their children on the shore of Harold's pond, staying up all night to make wood duck boxes to position in each of their ponds, and trying

their hand at making wine in the crawlspace of Harold's home. Although they never attracted a wood duck and the wine was unpalatable, Harold and Bob continued their loyalty to one another even through the illness of Walter D. as Bob lifted Harold's father to and from his bed as Walter suffered the ravages of bone cancer in 1963. Harold, his wife, Letha, and Bob and Doris even traveled to Monaco to an oil convention in the early 1970's where Bob gambled in the casinos until early each morning and practiced his French from his wartime stint in Paris on unsuspecting restaurateurs. After their parents' deaths, (Harold in 1993, Bob in 1994, Doris in 1997, and Sue in 1999), the Stump girls and Stonestreet boys continued to have a special bond that survived distances and divergent paths in their respective lives and which was a reflection of their parents' friendships and of the wholesome values they were taught as children.

After Bob suffered a stroke in the early 1980's which resulted in the subsequent amputation of his leg, Doris was his devoted nurse, caretaker, and companion until his death in 1994. During that time, Bob's sense of humor was unfailing as he and Doris chuckled over their grandson, Matthew's, attempt to "saw" Bob's artificial leg off with a toy saw, and their delight over their granddaughter, Megan's, childhood would have been overwhelming. After being married for over fifty years, Bob still called Doris the pet names of "Molly" or "Mother," and gently teased her about her difficulty in quitting smoking, and Doris' devotion during that time left her almost completely confined to the house to care for Bob's needs, a sacrifice which Doris make willingly and without complaint. Harold's choice in his closest and dearest friends of Bob and Doris enriched the Stump family by providing all who knew them with unparalleled examples of stability, love, and laughter that have not diminished with time.

THE CONSTRUCTION OF WALTER D'S HOME ACROSS THE STREET FROM HAROLD'S HOME ON MORNINGSTAR ROAD...A SAFE PLACE FOR CLEMENTINE AS WALTER'S HEALTH FAILED...

DORIS STONESTREET'S BROTHER, TOM BENNET, HAROLD D. STUMP, AND BOB STONESTREET WORKING ON A PROJECT ALONG THEIR HOMES ON MORNINGSTAR ROAD

THE CONSTRUCTION OF WALTER D'S HOME ACROSS THE STREET FROM HAROLD'S HOME ON MORNINGSTAR ROAD

BOB AND DORIS STONESTREET…JUNE 27, 1970

BOB STONESTREET...MAY, 1974

THE GOLDEN YEARS: CLEMENTINE AND WALTER D. STUMP....1960

CLEMENTINE AND WALTER D. STUMP: THE GOLDEN YEARS....1960

AUBURN RESIDENTS MARRIED 50 YEARS

Judge Walter Stump and Wife Quietly Observe Golden Anniversary at the Lutheran Hospital at Fort Wayne

Judge and Mrs. Walter D. Stump observed quietly Sunday their golden wedding anniversary in the judge's hospital room at the Lutheran hospital in Fort Wayne.

Members of the immediate family of the former judge of the DeKalb circuit court in Auburn visited him Sunday afternoon.

He was admitted to the hospital at Fort Wayne last week for observation and medical care after he had been confined in the Dr. Bonnell M. Souder hospital in Auburn.

His condition Sunday was reported as unchanged. He is in room No. 597.

Mr. Stump, a native of Noble county, and Clementine Hartsock, also of Noble county, were married April 29, 1911, in the home of the bride's parents in Washington township, Noble county.

Judge Stump, son of the late Daniel and Jessie Stump, is the only survivor of a family of three boys. Mrs. Stump is one of eight children born to Elijah and Mary Hartsock. Five of the children survive.

Judge and Mrs. Stump, both 74 and residents at 724 East Seventh street, Auburn, are the parents of one son, Harold D. Stump of Rt. 3, Auburn. The son succeeded his father as judge of the DeKalb circuit court Jan. 1, 1959, and is currently serving as judge.

Moved to Auburn in 1913

Judge and Mrs. Stump moved to Auburn in 1913. Mr. Stump was teaching school in Noble county at the time of their marriage.

He was admitted to the bar in 1913.

Mrs. Stump, who is in good health, has been active for many years in the Auburn Presbyterian church, the Rebekah lodge and the Order of the Eastern Star.

For 40 years, Mrs. Stump has been active in affairs of the American Legion Auxiliary of the DeKalb Post No. 97 in Auburn and the Past Presidents Parley. She is a past president of both units.

Veteran of Two World Wars

Judge Stump, long active in civic affairs in Auburn, is a veteran of World War I and World War II.

He completed his undergraduate work at Tri State college in Angola and received his degree in law from Valparaiso university at Valparaiso.

Judge Stump was a practicing attorney in Auburn at the time the United States entered World War I. He joined the DeKalb county unit, Company K, and served as company captain.

While he was en route overseas, his son was born in Auburn.

Judge Stump served overseas for nearly two years before his return to the U.S. in the spring of 1919.

Judge Stump re - entered service in 1942 and served nearly three years overseas. His service tour included North Africa and Italy. In Italy, he served in the Allied Military government.

Cited by U.S. and Italy

Judge Stump was awarded the Bronze star by the U.S. government for exemplary service. He also received a citation and was decorated by the Italian government for his service in Italy.

At the time of his discharge early in 1946, Judge Stump had attained the rank of colonel.

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TELEPHONE
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February 16, 1962

Hon. Harold Stump
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Dear Harold:

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William M. Bloom

WMB:DC
Encl.

MEMORIAL OF ALLEN COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION ON THE DEATH OF JUDGE WALTER D. STUMP

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election of 1946, he was elected Judge of DeKalb Circuit Court serving from January 1, 1947 until December 31, 1958, being succeeded in that office by his son, the present Judge of the DeKalb Circuit Court, Harold D. Stump.

Judge Stump was an active member of the Presbyterian Church, of Auburn, the American Legion, Chamber of Commerce, Public Library of Auburn, Y.M.C.A. at Auburn. He was a public speaker of great ability and in the service of such was in demand throughout the area. He also served as Special Judge in all of the surrounding counties.

His principal hobby was a non-violent type of fox hunting in which he tried to be sure that the fox would not be killed. He is rated among the lawyers as one of the finest, high-type lawyers in the entire area whose word could be depended upon by all with whom he came in contact. He was of a quiet and pleasant disposition, was admired and respected by all who knew him. He leaves to mourn his passing his wife and his son, Judge Harold D. Stump.

The Bar of Indiana has been much richer by having Walter D. Stump as a member thereof and will suffer a great loss at his passing. We, the members of Steuben County Bar Association who have been closely connected with Judge Stump during his lifetime will miss him. We considered him as our friend and counsellor and we always felt at ease walking into his office to confer with him.

We submit these Resolutions of Respect with the request that a copy thereof be spread of record as an order book entry in the Office of the Clerk of the Steuben Circuit Court and that

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R E S O L U T I O N

It is with the feeling of deep sorrow and regret that the Whitley County Bar Association learns of the death of one of the prominent Jurists and Lawyers of the State of Indiana.

Walter D. Stump distinguished himself as an able Lawyer and Jurist. For many years he presided as the Judge of the DeKalb Circuit Court. Prior to becoming Judge and after his retirement he was engaged in the active practice of Law. He often appeared in the Whitley Circuit Court as Judge and as Lawyer and the Whitley County Bar became well acquainted with him through the many years of his practice and while he presided as Judge. On many occasions he was Special Judge presiding over litigation in the Whitley Circuit Court.

Walter D. Stump had a splendid legal mind. All of his legal activities were influenced by his good judgment and his great concern for the welfare of litigants appearing before him. In addition to his attainments in the legal profession, he was a most splendid citizen. The Bar of Whitley County perhaps was better acquainted with him than any of the surrounding Counties due to the fact that his boyhood was spent in Washington Township of Noble County, Indiana. He has a host of friends in our County.

The Bar Association of Whitley County by this Resolution desires to express the great regard which we held for Walter D. Stump not only as a Lawyer and Jurist, but as a splendid Christian citizen.

We extend to his family our deepest sympathy and ask that a copy of this Resolution be made a matter of record in the De-Kalb Circuit Court where he served so many years as its Judge and that a copy be transmitted to his family.

Respectfully submitted,

Ralph F. Gates

William M. Blum

Lowell W. Pefley

RESOLUTION COMMITTEE OF THE
WHITLEY COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATIO

MEMORIAL RESOLUTIONS

UPON THE DEATH OF

HON. WALTER D. STUMP

Whereas, The Honorable Walter D. Stump, lawyer for a lifetime many years Judge of the DeKalb Circuit Court, and who served as an officer in the Army of the United States in both World War I and World War II, departed this life on the 6th day of February, 1962; and,

Whereas, he had his origin in Noble County, and for a long and useful lifetime, served his community, state and nation in DeKalb County and in those parts of the World to which his duties as a soldier called him; and,

Whereas, he was a distinguished exemplification of those qualities of character and courage which make men great; and,

Whereas, we who knew him, highly esteemed him as a lawyer, an officer, gentleman and a brave and consolentious man;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Noble County Bar Association adopt these resolutions making formal record of the passing of this man who lived among us with such outstanding qualities of honor, courage and patriotism; and of the sorrow we feel over his departure from us; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we extend our condolences to his family; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the original draft of these resolutions be transmitted to his family; that a copy be delivered to the DeKalb County Bar Association; and that they be spread of record in the Order Book of the Noble Circuit Court.

George Rulison
Wayman Fawley
Dean Thrasher
COMMITTEE

STATE OF INDIANA
SS
COUNTY OF LAGRANGE

IN THE LAGRANGE CIRCUIT COURT

JANUARY TERM, 1962

In Chambers, February 7, 1962

ORDER OF ADJOURNMENT I N M E M O R I A M

OF THE HONORABLE WALTER D. STUMP

WHEREAS, It is with a deep sense of irreparable loss that we are saddened by the knowledge of the passing of the Honorable Walter D. Stump of DeKalb County;

And, WHEREAS, He exemplified all of the qualities that are necessary to make a great trial jurist;

And, WHEREAS, His great sense of justice on the Bench was marked always by his kindness, his firmness, his patience, and his great capacity for compassion;

And, WHEREAS, His deep, resonant, yet soft voice was always a source of comfort for those who appeared in his court and had been wronged by others;

And, WHEREAS, His great knowledge of the law and his infinite understanding of human beings will be missed forever by the DeKalb County Bar and members of the Bar Associations of surrounding counties;

And, WHEREAS, As a profession we can ill afford to lose our memory of one who possessed all of the foregoing qualities;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT REMEMBERED, that the La Grange Circuit Court shall stand adjourned from eleven

o'clock A. M., Thursday, February 8, 1962, until nine-thirty o'clock A. M., Friday, February 9, 1962, IN MEMORIAM of the Honorable Walter D. Stump, one of Northern Indiana's foremost trial judges. And a copy of this ORDER OF ADJOURNMENT shall be spread upon the Order Books of the LaGrange Circuit Court; and it is further requested that a copy of this ORDER OF ADJOURNMENT be spread upon the Permanent Order Books of DeKalb County, Indiana, and copies thereof be handed to his son, the Honorable Harold D. Stump, Judge of the DeKalb Circuit Court, and to his widow.

WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL OF THIS COURT, this 7th day of February, 1962.

Donald H. Hunter

Judge, LaGrange Circuit Court

IN MEMORIAM *** WALTER D. STUMP

The DeKalb County Bar Association, in body assembled, pauses to publicly mourn the passing of one of its oldest and most distinguished members and to pay sincere tribute to the memory of an honored citizen, a respected teacher, a gallant soldier, a trusted counsellor and a prudent judge. Our profession is truly saddened by the passing of a trusted colleague and a faithful friend. Walter D. Stump was completely worthy of our deep appreciation of his great qualities of mind and heart, our full recognition of his many public services and our gratitude for the lustre shed upon our profession by his good life and excellent character.

Walter D. Stump was a man of unquestioned integrity and devotion to duty. On two occasions, his practice of law was interrupted by the upheaval of war. He responded willingly and eagerly to the call of his country by serving meritoriously in World Wars I and II. Serving on foreign soil in both wars, he was decorated by the United States and Italian Governments in World War II. He attained the rank of colonel at the time of his discharge from service.

Serving as Judge of the DeKalb Circuit Court for two full terms, his complete conscientiousness and thoroughness in endeavoring to fairly and impartially determine the issues of fact and law in all causes committed to his decision, not only continued the high caliber of judicial determination emanating from our court, but in truth, carried the honor and respect of our court to even greater heights. Happily, he had a privilege accorded to few, when he retired from the bench to be succeeded by his son, Harold D. Stump.

The trials over which he presided were conducted with exemplary fairness, firmness and dispatch. As Judge, Walter D. Stump, remained a devoted student of the law, and it was not uncommon that he conducted a more thorough search of the law involved than counsel representing either side. Maintaining an extremely high rate of cases affirmed by the higher courts on appeal, Judge Stump's knowledge and love of the law provided an outstanding model for members of the bar practicing in his court.

Walter D. Stump was born on July 14, 1886, on a farm in Noble County, Indiana, the son of Daniel and Jessie Stump. Receiving his elementary and high school education in Noble County, he attended Tri State College at Angola, Indiana, and law school at Valparaiso University.

On April 29, 1911, he married Clementine Hartsock, to which union there was born one child, a son, Harold D. Stump. He is survived by his widow and son, together with three grandchildren. Two brothers have preceded him in death.

In 1913 he was admitted to practice and moved to Auburn where he became engaged in the general practice of law. Early in his career as a lawyer, Judge Stump was in partnership with the late P. V. Hoffman and later with Clarence E. McClintock and before his election as judge he was in partnership with his son. After descending from the bench, he practiced for a short time with Philip Butler before failing health forced his retirement.

Walter D. Stump was elected Judge of the DeKalb Circuit Court and served two full terms from January 1, 1947 to December 31, 1958. His decisions rarely reversed, his caliber as a trial judge gained the respect of our profession throughout the State. Many cases were venued to his Court and he was frequently called upon to act as special judge in other courts, attesting to the esteem in which he was held by members of the bar.

He made a great contribution to public and civic life, having served on the Board of Directors of the Auburn Chamber of Commerce, the Eckhart Public Library Board and the Auburn Y.M.C.A. He was a director of the City National Bank of Auburn, former DeKalb County Attorney, former Auburn City Attorney, a past commander of DeKalb Post 97 of the American Legion in Auburn, a 32nd Degree Mason and member of the Scottish Rite. Judge Stump was an active member of the First Presbyterian Church of Auburn. He was a member and former president of the DeKalb County Bar Association and member of the Indiana Bar Association. A popular and capable public speaker, he addressed many patriotic rallies, and political, civic and social events.

When, in 1958, he laid aside his judicial labors, he left the bench with the personal esteem and affectionate regard of bench and bar. His long and distinguished chapter in the docket of the DeKalb Circuit Court bears mute testimony to his faithful and skillful discharge of his public trust. While he served as Judge, the general public as well as those litigants and defendants who appeared in his Court, had occasion to observe him and pass judgment upon him. May he rest peacefully knowing that the verdict is his; that those not so well versed in legal terminology phraze it well when they say frequently and sincerely, "He was a great man".

BE IT RESOLVED: That the members of the DeKalb County Bar Association extend their deep sympathy to the members of the family of Walter D. Stump in their great loss; that the foregoing memorial be and it is hereby adopted by the DeKalb County Bar Association; that a copy of the same be spread of record in the

~~in the~~ Clerk's Office of the DeKalb Circuit Court and that copies thereof be forwarded to Mrs. Clementine Stump and to the Honorable Harold D. Stump.

Philip Butler

Edgar O. Tittinson

Resolutions Committee of the
DeKalb County Bar Association.

AGO 630 A.G.O.
July 6,1920.

THE

PRESIDENT

OF

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

To all who shall see these presents, greeting:

Know Ye, that reposing special trust and confidence in the patriotism, valor, fidelity and abilities of Walter D. Stump,

I do appoint him Captain, Field Artillery,

Officers' Reserve Corps of the Army of the United States:

such appointment to date from the tenth *day of* January, *nineteen hundred and* twenty. *He is therefore carefully and diligently to discharge the duty of the office to which he is appointed by doing and performing all manner of things thereunto belonging.*

And I do strictly charge and require all Officers and Soldiers under his command when he shall be employed on active duty, to be obedient to his orders as an officer of his grade and position. And he is to observe and follow such orders and directions, from time to time, as he shall receive from me, or the future President of the United States of America, or the General or other Superior Officers set over him, according to the rules and discipline of War.

This commission to continue in force during the pleasure of the President of the United States for the time being, and for a period of five years from date.

Given under my hand, in the District of Columbia, this tenth *day of* September, *in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and* twenty-one, *and in the one hundred and* forty-sixth *year of the Independence of the United States.*

By the President:

The Adjutant General's Office.
Recorded:
September 13, 1921.

Adjutant General.

The Assistant Secretary of War.

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SUBJECT: Army Commendation Ribbon

To : Commanding General, MTOUSA, APO 512, U. S. Army.
(Through 2675 th Regiment, Allied Commission).

1. Under the provisions of War Department Circular 377, dated 18 December 1945, subject: "Army Commendation Ribbon", it is recommended that WALTER D. STUMP, O-123292, Lieutenant Colonel, CMP, 2675th Rigiment, Allied Commission, be authorized to wear the Army Commendation Ribbon for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services while assigned to and on duty with the Legal Section, Naples Province, Arezzo Province, and Venezia Region from 11 October 1943 to 20 October 1945.

2. On 11 October 1943, following the initial landing of the Allied Forces in Italy, Lieutenant Colonel Stump (then Major) was assigned as a Legal Officer in the area south of Naples. In January, 1944, with the organization of the Naples Province Legal Office , Lieutenant Colonel Stump (then Major) was appointed a circuit summary and superior Court Judge. Thereafter, on 1 July 1944 and continuing until 12 May 1945 he was Provincial Legal Officer Arezzo Province. On 13 May 1945 until 20 October 1945, when he was redeployed to the United States for discharge, he served as Provincial Legal Officer Venezia Region.

3. At Naples, and thereafter in Arezza Province and Venezia Region, Lieutenant Colonel STUMP (then Major) was called upon to fill positions of much responsibility. Enriched by a distinguished background of experience in civil life, Lieutenant Colonel STUMP brought into the performance of his exacting duties a total of attainment mhich enriched occupational government in Italy. As a trial Judge, his talent for the administration of law,in keeping with the high dignity of mankind, came into full bloom. Even though asserted before an alien population, the seeds which he sowed were to blossom into an epic of Allied prestige, its aims and institutions, to endure, perhaps, long after the coming of the peace. Patient, unassuming, devoid of ostentation, with high courage and resolution, he administered the law with talent and skill on an order high above the ordinary. In the sheparding of the discouraged and perhaps disheartened Italian Judiciary, he instilled by his rugged personality a new hope of achievement which speeded the return to normal. Here we have the attainments of an officer which stand out thru sheer merit, reflecting credit not only on himself, his organization, and the Courts over which he presided, but to the saga of accomplishment in Italy to be recorded by the verdict of historians. Because of all this, commendation is here made of the work of Lieutenant Colonel STUMP.

4. The recommanding officer has personal knowledge of the facts of theperformance of exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service by Lieutenant Colonel STUMP and of the contribution made by him.

5. Lieutenant Colonel STUMP'S tireless energy and devotion to duty were in keeping with the finest traditions of the United States Army and reflect credit upon himself, his organization, and the Allied Military Government in Italy. By reason thereof he is hereby specially commended for his achievement and meritorious services.

6. At the time of rendering the service for which this commendation is made, the officer was a Major. When separated from the Service, he was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel.

7. Lieutenant Colonel STUMP hasreceived no previous awards.

8. Proposed commendation is attached as an inclosure.

John K. Weber,
Colonel, Infantry.
Chief Legal Advisor.

Incl: (Proposed commendation)

PROPOSED COMMENDATION

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At Naples, and thereafter in Arezzo Province and Venezia Region, Lieutenant Colonel STUMP (then Major) was called upon to fill positions of much responsibility, and brought into the performance of his exacting duties a total of attainment which has enriched occupational government in Italy. Patient, unassuming, devoid of ostentation, with high courage and resolution, he administered the law with talent and skill of an order high above the ordinary. The attainments of Lieutenant Colonel STUMP stand out through sheer merit, reflecting credit not only on himself, his organization, and the Courts over which he presided, but to the saga of accomplishment in Italy to be recorded by the verdict of historians.

Lieutenant Colonel STUMP entered the Service from his home in Auburn, Indiana.

CLEMENTINE'S GOLDEN YEARS

AUNT ALICE WAS ONE OF THE MORE ECCENTRIC MEMBERS OF CLEMENTINE'S FAMILY....SHE FANCIED HERSELF A SONG WRITER AND ENJOYED REGALING ALL UNSUSPECTING RELATIVES BY PLAYING HER LATEST DITTY ON THE PIANO...INVARIABLY, HER SONGS OFTEN EXTOLED THE PRAISES OF A LONG FORGOTTEN RELATIVE AND WERE COMPOSED ON THE SPOT AS AUNT ALICE PLAYED...HAROLD D., IN PARTICULAR, ALWAYS ROLLED HIS EYES WHENEVER AUNT ALICE'S NAME WAS MENTIONED EVEN THOUGH ALICE MADE IT CLEAR THAT HAROLD WAS HER "FAVORITE NEPHEW."

A HUMOROUS ANECDOTE OCCURRED DURING ONE OF ALICE'S VISITS TO CLEMENTINE SOON AFTER WALTER D. PASSED AWAY. DORIS STONESTREET HAD GRACIOUSLY PICKED ALICE UP FROM THE TRAIN STATION, BUT ALICE LET IT BE KNNOWN THAT SHE WOULD NEVER RIDE WITH THAT "STONESTREET WOMAN" AGAIN BECAUSE SHE WAS A VERY BAD DRIVER. DORIS WAS NEVER KNOWN TO SUFFER A FOOL GLADLY, AND SHE ALWAYS CHUCKLED AND SHOOK HER HEAD WHENEVER AUNT ALICE CAME TO TOWN. FROM THAT MOMENT ON, HAROLD TEASED DORIS ABOUT, "DORIS' AUNT ALICE," AND THE STORY BECAME PART OF THE STUMP AND STONESTREET COMIC LORE.

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—Record Photo by Charles Wagner

MRS. ALICE BONE and bear who liked apples and pears on her place at the east end of Sherman avenue. The forager was shot Tuesday morning after he spent about three weeks making himself at home at the Bone place. Keith McCormick ended it all with a 45-caliber bullet. The 200-pound brown bear is shown at Conservation Officer Preston Steele's residence where it was taken after being killed.

A VISIT WITH SISTER ALICE BONE IN COLORADO IN 1962: LEFT TO RIGHT….JESSIE BUSS (PHILIPINE BUSS STUMP'S MOTHER), CLEMENTINE STUMP, CAROLYN STUMP, ALICE BONE, AND DIANNA STUMP

HARTSOCK SIBLINGS: LEORA HARTSOCK CARPENTER, WESS HARTSOCK, CLEMENTINE HARTSOCK STUMP, AND ALICE HARTSOCK BONE
1966

SISTERS ALICE BONE, LEORA CARPENTER, AND CLEMENTINE STUMP

CLEMENTINE ON LEFT WITH HER YOUNGER SISTER, LEORA

LEORA CARPENTER ON FAR LEFT AND CLEMENTINE
ON FAR RIGHT

CLEMENTINE STUMP

CLEMENTINE STUMP ON RIGHT

CLEMENTINE STUMP

CLEMENTINE STUMP

CLEMENTINE STUMP ON RIGHT

CLEMENTINE STUMP SEATED

CLEMENTINE ON RIGHT

CLEMENTINE WITH HAROLD'S BOSTON TERRIER,
MITZIE IN 1950'S
TAKEN AT HAROLD'S RESIDENCE ON INDIANA
AVENUE

Judge Walter B. Stump, 75, Auburn, Dies; Ill One Year

AUBURN — Ill one year, and hospitalized since Jan. 13, Judge Walter B. Stump, 75, died at 12:15 p.m. Tuesday in Sanders Hospital.

He came to Auburn 49 years ago and he taught school prior to admittance to the bar in 1913. He was elected judge for the first time in 1946, taking office the following Jan. 1, and served until Dec. 31, 1958. He then was succeeded by his son, Judge Harold Stump, who continues in the judgeship.

Judge Stump was active in civic, church and veterans' affairs and served overseas in both World War I and II. He served on many boards here and as the county and city's attorney.

The wife, Clementine; the son, three grandchildren, two great-grandchildren survive.

Friends may call at the Gerig Funeral Home from 2 p.m. Wednesday until 11 a.m. Thursday and then at the First Presbyterian Church where rites will be at 2 p.m. Burial will be in Roselawn Cemetery. Full military honors will be accorded by the color and firing units of DeKalb Post 97, American Legion.

Clementine Stump

AUBURN — Mrs. Clementine Stump, 83, widow of Judge Walter D. Stump and mother of Judge Harold D. Stump, died at 10:15 p.m. July 9 in the Sacred Heart Home, Avilla, where she had been a resident for the past two months.

She had been in failing health for the past several years, and death was attributed to complications of old age.

Mrs. Stump was born Aug. 27, 1886, in Croton, Ohio, to the late Elijah and Mary Hartsock. April 29, 1911, she married Walter D. Stump in Noble County. Judge Stump died Feb. 6. 1962.

Survivors include her son, Judge Harold D. Stump, Rt. 3, Auburn; two brothers, Wess Hartsock, Pioneer, Ohio, and Jones Hartsock, Crown Point; two sisters, Mrs. Leona Carpenter, Three Rivers, Mich., and Mrs. Alice Bone, Canon City, Colo.; and two grandchildren.

Mrs. Stump was a charter member of the American Legion Auxiliary, Post 97, Auburn; a member of Rebekah Lodge; and a member of the Order of Eastern Star.

The body was removed to the Gerig Funeral Home, Auburn, where the Rev. William Heimach, Auburn Presbyterian Church, will conduct final services at 2 p.m. Sunday. Burial will follow in Roselawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Friends may call at the funeral home after 2 p.m. Saturday.

WALKING WITH MY FATHER....

TOWARD A BRAVE NEW WORLD

****REFLECTIONS UPON THE YEARS 2009-2010

THE BRAVE NEW WORLD

"WE LIVE NOT ONLY OUR OWN LIVES BUT, WHETHER WE KNOW IT OR NOT, ALSO THE LIFE OF OUR TIME."

CARL JUNG

As Charles Dickens stated so eloquently one hundred and fifty years ago in his masterpiece, A Tale of Two Cities, "these were the best of times; these were the worst of times." Marching into the second decade of the new millennium will provide monumental challenges and steadfast courage for even the bravest and the most talented citizens in this country. The future is the Brave New World that Aldous Huxley described as an environment which was beset with progress in the fields of biology, medicine, and human longevity, but the threats to the privacy of each citizen and to the incentives for individual excellence overshadowed even the best of intentions of the leaders in Huxley's fictionalized domain.

Walter D. and Harold's view of the contemporary American scene was accurately portrayed in the 1978 article found within this volume which was entitled, "I Am Sick...Are You?," in which the profane and the perverted were too often glorified by the mass media and in which the protectors and guardians of our rights were too often vilified in the judiciary and in the court of public opinion. Both men would find our "enlightened age" a radical departure from their frames of reference with our ban on federal funding for stem cell research and with the successful cloning of some four-legged creatures; however, both men would have embraced and given their tacit approval to the following American trends: The continuing importance of character and civility in the hearts and the minds of the average citizen and the "silent majority" is heartening in view of the excesses of the age; The United States is still the land of opportunity with thousands of foreign-born men and women still clamoring to enter America to fulfill their visions of a hopeful future for themselves and for their children; the Green Movement and the creation of energy-efficient cars are viable attempts to stem the tide of global warming and reverse the damage that years of indifference to the environment has caused; Men and women in the military are still firm in their belief that the American Dream is a vision worth fighting and dying for; The reform of the health care system and the financial structure upon which the U.S. economy is based are being overhauled from the halls of Congress to the banks of small town America and the towering edifices on Wall

Street; The newly-elected President, Barack Obama, has inspired his generation to believe that "Change will not come if we wait for some other person or some other time. WE are the ones we've been waiting for. WE are the change that we seek." But in spite of it all, or perhaps because of it all, in this, the dawn of the twenty-first century, the sale of antidepressants and anti-anxiety pills has increased, gun sales have spiked, citizens are taking cash out of banks, church attendance has gone up, and the masses are surfing the Internet looking for anything to cope with the general malaise within the themselves and within the country.

Peggy Noonan's article, "There's No Pill for This Kind of Depression," feels that in spite of all of the "changes" in this, our shining city on a hill, people feel "unled, overwhelmed," see our leaders as "selfish and dishonest," and believe that our institutions are "incompetent and undependable." There is a "psychological pandemic of fear" as to the "future of things –of our country, and even of mankind. We seem to be "actors in a moment of history, taking part in it, moving it this way or that as we move forward or back. The moment we are living now is a strange one, a disquieting one, a time that seems full of endings."

Walter D. Stump and Harold D. Stump would have been cautiously optimistic about the future of the human race although both men frequently took caustic aim at what they called the "human condition" in all of its throes of heartbreak and panic. Both of these wise men knew that the cycle of birth, death, and Life Eternal would continue in spite of our boastful attempts to alter the inevitable and stave off the "growing pains" that civilization has perpetually endured. The life lessons that Walter and Harold taught will always reveal that no one can change the world except by changing it one person at a time…this connection with our "shared humanity" is the only salvation for the individual psyche in these uncertain times. As we contemplate the future and each of its challenges, may we see a surge of compassion in our interactions with one another and in our respect for ourselves and our fellowmen…walking down this avenue is, after all, the only pathway to ensure a new beginning for each human spirit and for the progress of the human species.

A NOTE OF APPRECIATION FOR LUKE BAILEY....

Luke Bailey was an indispensible contributor to the three-volume annals of the Lives and Times of Walter D. and Clementine Hartsock Stump. In addition to being a specialist in reproducing century-old letters, pictures, and text, Luke also performed his duties in his job at Staples with unfailing courtesy and graciousness. Luke is also a Navy veteran who enlisted in the service before September 11, 2001, and he was among the best and the brightest of the two per cent who are active sailors as he was trained to be an electrician aboard a nuclear submarine. After being discharged in 2007, Luke continued his college education while working at Staples in Auburn, Indiana. From the beginning of this project, Luke instinctively understood the importance of the documents that were entrusted to his expert talents, and most importantly, he shared the vision of the compiler of these books, Carolyn Stump Olson. He offered suggestions when they were appropriate as he strived for perfection in each stage of the development and of the publication of the Stump Family Saga. To be greeted each day with a smile and a "Hello, Ma'am," was a joyful reminder to each of Luke's customers that they were witnessing a true rarity.....a gentleman who was also a "gentle man."

Many thanks, Luke, for your valued assistance and for your eternal optimism.

LUKE BAILEY....2009

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